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Who's Who and What's What

First Church of Oklahoma City has called Dr. W. R. White of Ft. Worth as pastor to succeed Dr. T. L. Holcomb.

Beginning Aug. 11 a young people's revival will be held in First Church, Hattiesburg, conducted by students from Mississippi College.

I have just closed an old time revival at Brooklyn, Miss. The church was greatly revived and there were twenty-seven additions. My father, Rev. D. W. Moulder, assisted in the meeting. —C. S. Moulder.

Here are some facts that stare our Mississippi people in the face. The increase in arrests for drunkenness is shown by this comparison of figures for six months before the sale of beer was legalized and a six months period after it was legalized. At Columbia the increase was from 33 to 179, at Columbus from 6 to 101; at Corinth from 21 to 158; at Gulfport from 93 to 294; at Hattiesburg from 109 to 273; at Jackson from 483 to 787; at Meridian from 245 to 802; at Tupelo from 81 to 268. Here is a trumpet voice calling our people back to soberness.

The Clarion Ledger, which gives all the news of the secular world, and is always fair in presenting it, in a recent Monday edition has the following account of arrests for drunkenness: "Crime activity over the week-end showed a decided increase in Jackson and kept city police on the run Saturday and Sunday. With over half of arrests made being for drunks, the number of charges on the police blotter neared the half hundred mark and a busy city court docket awaits the municipal magistrate Monday afternoon. An alarming increase in drunken driving last week was climaxed with the arrest of four in the past two days on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor."

It is not often that we read everything in a book that we undertake; and still less frequently we read it through in a day. But that is what we did with the new book by Dr. M. E. Dodd, "Girdling the Globe for God." And we predict that you will do the same when you get a copy. It begins with the Baptist World Alliance in Berlin and goes through Europe and Asia and touching Africa. Dr. Dodd is an experienced traveler and knows how to see the places he visits. He had also made good preparation for this tour, by arranging for contacts in every place. Being President of the Southern Baptist Convention gave him access to many which would have been impracticable to others. He had a serious purpose, not merely a desire to go around the world. He gives us a clear view of the places he touched, including Jerusalem, Colcutta and Bombay, Burmah, the three main fields in China, and Japan. You will know better about the work of missions and the world in which we live when you have read this book. It costs you only \$1.00.



DR. W. E. DENHAM

Pastor in St. Louis, Mo., well known Bible teacher and lecturer in many Southern Baptist Assemblies. He is one of the speakers in the Mississippi Baptist Assembly at Hattiesburg, July 7-12.

Many will be glad to hear that Dr. T. E. Ross of Hattiesburg is greatly improved. He hopes to return home shortly from the hospital in Washington City.

A committee of First Church, Hattiesburg, is making an aggressive campaign to put the Baptist Record in every home. Thanks for kind words about the paper and editor by Pastor Harvey.

The Baptist Messenger quotes Dr. J. M. Carroll to the effect that Major Penn, known as the layman evangelist was ordained after several years of evangelism by the church at Galveston, Texas, which insisted on his baptizing the converts received into the church during his meeting.

Now the representative of the Federal Relief Administration tells the governors assembled at Biloxi that the relief workers will be selected just like postmasters are appointed on the ground of their political affiliation and party support. There will be people who will say that is not news for "we knew it all the time." But from the highest to the lowest, with one exception, the federal officials have been telling us there will be no politics in it. Possibly there has been a "change of mind."

Rev. E. D. Estes of Little Rock, Ark., has been with his brother Rev. C. O. Estes in a good meeting at Morton. There were 21 added to the church, of whom 14 came by baptism upon profession of faith. During the meeting the Bible was read for four days by the congregation, totaling 5,376 chapters. The deacons said that in many ways it was the best meeting within their knowledge. The church was greatly edified. A list of subjects of the sermons shows that the great themes of the Bible were presented to the people.

Information comes to us that Rev. Wayne Alliston did not resign as superintendent of the Hospital, but that he was merely given a leave of absence till Jan. 1st.

Dr. R. Q. Leavell would favor a Commission on Social Research, if it is made a department of the Sunday School Board, with Dr. E. P. Alldredge, the present statistical secretary at the head of it, with an adequate budget of say \$10,000.

Pastor C. Z. Holland says that arrangements are made for the opening of Clarke College in September with an enlarged attendance. There were 42 graduated from the college in May, and several others expect to finish at the close of the summer term now in progress.

Southern Baptists gained in membership last year 103,124 over the membership of the year before, and made a gain in their gifts of \$1,361,915 over the year before. Our gifts to missions alone showed an increase of \$370,894. The receipts of our Sunday School Board last year showed a gain of \$87,217 over the year before, the total receipts being \$1,703,885 last year.—Ex.

The following figures were given us as having been secured from the State Tax Commissioner's office: In 1934 Mississippi bought automobiles valued at \$14,627,884.00; paid \$2,921,028.00 for beer sold at retail; paid \$8,174,815.62 for tobacco; and \$3,158,122.53 for amusements. This makes a total of \$28,881,813.15. Surely we cannot plead that money is scarce, and will not dodge when a collection for missions is taken. How do you think the Lord will look on people who pay more for tobacco than all the Christians in the state give for all benevolent purposes?

Pastor Roger O. Hebert reports a good meeting at Laverne, Okla., in which A. D. Muse preached, Sam Raborn led the singing and Jewell Spencer was pianist. The prayer meetings led by brother Raborn were very effective, and the preaching by brother Muse scriptural and persistent. By far the majority of those baptized were grown people. The crowds were the largest ever, the response of the townspeople good. The pastor says it was the greatest ingathering of souls and talent in the history of the church.

On Friday of this week examinations are held in Mississippi College for the summer school students who have finished the three weeks term, and the second term begins. The plan is for each pupil to take one course of intensive study, giving his entire time to this and completing it. More than two hundred are there, a larger class than was had altogether last summer. Curriculum laboratory work is provided specially for teachers. In addition to this there are classes in human physiology, inorganic chemistry, quantitative analysis, Old Testament, elementary accounting, corporation accounting, commercial law, unit instruction in the elementary school, high school methods, recent drama, first year German, Latin and political science.

Mississippi Baptist Assembly July 7-12 At Miss. Woman's College, Hattiesburg

Sparks and Splinters

Dr. L. G. Gates of Laurel assisted Pastor W. C. Howard in a meeting at Newton last week.

Mr. Andrew Allen of Dallas, Texas, becomes Sunday School Secretary for Tennessee Baptists.

Mrs. Janie Lowrey Graves and her niece, Miss Mary Anderson of Canton, China, are expected in Blue Mountain the first week in August.

Mr. George E. Hays has resigned as superintendent of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital effective July 1.

To correct an error in last week's Record: Miss Elsie Clore, missionary to Palestine, is a guest in the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

T. E. Waldrup goes from Orlando, Fla., to Stetson Church at DeLand, in the same state. He is a Mississippian.

Liberty Hill church, Panola County, has 75% of the membership reading the Record. Brother H. A. Borah is pastor.

The charity work of the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans was over 40% more in the past year than in the year before.

Many are grieved to learn of the serious illness of Dr. T. E. Ross of Hattiesburg, who is in a hospital in Washington City.

Texas Baptists are said to have baptized as many people in the last three years as there were Baptists in all America in 1800.

Lowndes County votes on the question of putting out the beer business on July 9. Every county so far has gone dry by a good majority. You can help by praying.

Rev. Charles Wingo having recently finished his work at Union University has been called to Sherman, Miss., and is already on the field. Glad to welcome you to Mississippi.

Dr. F. W. Boatwright has been president of the University of Richmond for 40 years, probably longer than any man in similar position today.

Rev. J. P. Harrington will on July 7 celebrate his seventh anniversary as pastor of Parkway Church in Jackson. On Monday following he is expecting Dr. S. E. Tull who will assist him in a revival meeting.

We are glad to learn that Dr. T. T. Hamilton of the Mississippi College faculty has been asked to act as contact or publicity man for the college. Our people ought to have some word from the college every week that passes. The Record is glad to cooperate.

At Immanuel Church, Nashville, a dinner was given in honor of Dr. I. J. Van Ness for 35 years connected with the Sunday School Board. Many speakers paid him tributes, a musical program was rendered, and the employees of the Board gave him a hundred dollar bill in a frame.

Jackson County Association will hold the fifth Sunday meeting at Fontainebleau, featuring the Laymen's work and the B. T. U. Speakers are J. F. Brock, A. G. Moseley, E. N. Patterson, Linwood Johnson, Mrs. Emily Davis, Miss Gladys Hurlbert, Ray Hutton and G. C. Hodge. The theme is "Magnifying His Church."

The trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital last week elected Mrs. Gilfoy as acting superintendent until January 1st, giving Supt. Wayne Alliston leave of absence until that time. Mrs. Gilfoy has for several years been secretary to the superintendent. Mr. Alliston is head of the FERA for Mississippi, having supervision of the distribution of the state's part of the federal relief funds for employment.

We had our final meeting of the Southwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference last Monday the 10th. We will not meet any more until September. The following officers were elected for next year: Dr. J. R. Carter, president; J. B. Quin, vice-president; J. A. Bryant, secretary; R. L. Smith, J. W. Mayfield and W. A. Gill were appointed to serve as the program committee.—J. B. Quin.

It is said that 1,000 priests, nuns and friars discarded their clerical dress in Turkey on June 12 in conformity with a law forbidding the use of religious dress except while in the performance of the duties of the order to which the wearer belongs.

A neighboring pastor writes that the church house at Pascagoula is "going right up," and a great work is being done by this faithful band under the leadership of their noble pastor Dr. N. O. Patterson, assisted by his son. The latter will spend the week-ends in Pascagoula with his family, preaching on Sunday night and assisting in the Sunday school and B. T. U. while he attends the B. B. I. in New Orleans.

Our sympathy and that of many friends is with brother E. C. Williams, our Sunday school representative, in the loss of his father, who died in Alabama last week. The body was buried in the cemetery at Mendenhall. He had been in very uncertain health for the past few years and his going was not unexpected. May our Father comfort his beloved companion and the son whose hearts are torn.

Last Sunday, June 9th, was a special day in First Church, Grenada. At the close of the morning service, by ballot vote of the church, the board of deacons was entirely reorganized, with several new ones elected and the board placed on the rotating plan, which calls for the election of four new deacons each year. At the close of the evening service the ordinance of baptism was administered to 23 new members. This week a study course for the Intermediate B. T. U. is led by Miss Grace Kirk. We will begin our young people's revival June 26th, led by students of Blue Mountain and Mississippi Colleges.—J. H. Hooks, pastor.

Spring Hill church in Tallahatchie County will have a Home Coming Day June 30. A good program for an all-day meeting has been provided and is being sent to every former member that can be reached. This is the oldest church in Tallahatchie County, organized in 1845, and from this church other churches were constituted, including Charleston and Oakland. Harry A. Borah is pastor and has prepared the program which includes song service led by Miss Anna Frances Houston, Welcome, Response by Prof. L. G. Wallace, History of Church by R. G. McCorkle, Temperance by C. C. Colter, Spiritual Life of Church members by A. L. Goodrich, How of Church Membership by Rev. Madison Flowers.

C. H. Spurgeon heard of a man who claimed to have long been a teetotaler; but some doubted. When he was asked how long he had been an abstainer, he replied, "Off and on, for twenty years." You should have seen the significant smile upon all faces. An abstainer off and on! His example did not stand for much. Certain professors are Christians "off and on"; and nobody respects them. Such seed as this will not grow; there is no vitality in it. Constancy is the proof of sincerity.

Silver Creek: We have just closed our first Daily Vacation Bible School at Silver Creek. I feel that it was a success from the advertising parade on through the commencement exercises, much of which success was due to the splendid help rendered by our most capable workers. The workers were: Mrs. H. W. Longino, superintendent Junior Department; Mrs. W. C. Morgan, superintendent Primary Department; Miss Willie Mikell, superintendent Beginner Department. The helpers were: Mrs. J. W. Lowry, W. C. Morgan, and Miss Annie Lou Harvey in the Junior Department, besides the pastor; Misses Margaret Miller Longino and Mary Nell Waller in the Primary Department; Misses Clara Mize, Geraldine Jobron, and Margaret Nell May in the Beginner Department. Goss Baptist Church is beginning a two-week school of music, which is being taught by Mr. W. C. Morgan. Great interest is being shown by almost the entire membership of the church. Goss is making rapid strides forward, having gone from quarter to half-time this year.—Mark Lowrey, pastor.

It is said that more people attend the English preaching service of the Italian Baptist Church in Tampa, Fla., than attend any other church in that city.

Rev. W. S. Blackmon who many years ago did missionary work in the Delta, particularly along the lower Sunflower River, passed away at the home of his son near Jackson last week. For several years he has been unable to render active service by reason of advanced age and ill health. His record is on high.

The West Huntsville Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., J. Vernon Rich, pastor, closed its revival of two weeks duration Sunday night, June 9th. There were 30 additions by baptism and 6 by letter. The preaching was done by Rev. W. A. West of Jackson, Tenn., and the music was directed by Roger M. Hickman, gospel singer of Petersburg, Tenn.

Sunday the editor spent in Brookhaven, preaching morning and night for the First Church and teaching the Men's Class in Sunday school. It is a joy to preach to people who are so responsive, but not the least of the pleasures of the visit was to be in the home of our children and grandchildren, and to meet many other old friends. The church is hopeful of securing a pastor soon.

Pastor J. E. Barnes had one of the most satisfactory meetings in his experience at Ocean Springs. The house was filled requiring extra chairs. There were 16 additions to the church, ten by baptism and others are expected. The preaching by the pastor's son was most acceptable, and he will also preach in the meeting at Toulminville Church, Mobile, this week and next, where there are some 300 prospects. There is already a revival spirit here and 32 have been added to the church since Jan. 1.

The pastor was assisted in a revival meeting with the Pope Baptist Church, by Rev. A. T. Cinnamon preaching and Rev. J. Edwin Hewlett, leading the singing, for six days, beginning on the first Sunday in June. We had excellent preaching and very fine singing. Good congregations, a spiritual uplift with two added to the membership of the church. Pope is a small church, but composed of the finest people in Mississippi. There are about forty members in all. They gave, last year, to all causes more than \$800.00 and have the Baptist Record in practically all of the homes.—J. R. G. Hewlett, pastor.

Dr. Charles George Smith, prominent Baptist minister of Montreal, Canada, will be heard in a broadcast over radio station WHB, Atlanta, Ga., Sunday evening, June 23, at 10 o'clock central standard daylight saving time (the same as 10 o'clock Eastern Standard Time). Dr. Smith is in Georgia to attend the annual state B. Y. P. U. Encampment at Rome, Georgia. He will preach for Dr. Willis E. Howard at the First Baptist Church, LaGrange, Sunday morning, June 23; and for Dr. Louie D. Newton at the Druid Hills Baptist Church, that evening just before the broadcast. Dr. Smith will also address the Atlanta Baptist Ministers' Conference Monday morning, June 24, at the First Baptist Church at 10 o'clock.

The "Evangel" of the First Church, Columbus, in pleading for a dry vote in Lowndes County July 9 says: "We hope and believe that the people will vote beer out by an overwhelming majority. They have seen enough of the utter reign of lawlessness which was ushered in with the coming of legal beer. Although legal beer is just a little over a year old in our county we have seen an astounding increase in drunkenness, gambling, murder, prostitution, and crime of all kinds—practically all of which has been in connection with or traceable to institutions and centers from which beer is dispensed. We are now in the midst of a little 'reign of terror' in our county promoted by the criminal element and their sympathizers and accomplices. Legal beer must take the lion's share of responsibility for this condition."



CHARLES E. MADDRY, Executive Secretary

INABELLE C. COLEMAN, Editorial Secretary

SECOND GENERATION MISSIONARY

The only foreign missionary appointed at the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, was Miss Helen Dozier, the daughter of the missionaries, Mrs. C. K. Dozier and the late Dr. Dozier. Helen will sail on July 12 on the S. S. PRESIDENT COOLIDGE from San Francisco, California, to join her mother and brother, Edwin, in Japan, where she will do missionary work in Seinan Jo Gakuin, Kokura, Japan.

LOOKING BACKWARD, FORWARD AND UPWARD

Jessie R. Ford, Assistant to Executive Secretary

LOOKING BACKWARD—Our Foreign Mission Board has cause to thank God for all His many blessings during the past convention year. Our income has shown a healthy and steady increase; our debt has been reduced to \$580,000; and everywhere there seems to be a growing interest in foreign missions. The past five or six years have been hard, but out of them have come many blessings which will continue to bear fruit in future years. The backward look brings us to our knees in humble gratitude to God, for His continued guidance.

LOOKING AROUND us we are overwhelmed with the needs on every hand. Need for reinforcement in our missionary personnel. Need for repairs to our property left these many years without proper attention for lack of funds. The needs of an awakening people around the world, affording such opportunities as we have never faced before. Every letter from Dr. Maddry in China tells of needs, needs, needs. "Already," he says, "we have waited ten years too late to meet them." As we lift up our eyes and look around us today we see that the fields are indeed write unto the harvest—and the reapers are few.

LOOKING FORWARD—we stand amazed at the possibilities of Southern Baptists. The payment of the debt within the next few years. The sending of new missionaries to fill the many gaps in our ranks. The continued growth of interest in foreign missions among the people here at home, through the help of that great band of women in Woman's Missionary Union; through the untiring labors of Drs. Maddry and Jones, as they travel here and there laying this great cause on the hearts of our people; through the information and inspiration which will come from Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest, August 11-18. There will be gathered missionaries from practically all of our foreign fields; Drs. Maddry and Weatherspoon will bring heart-burning messages right from the field, and once again as we see the mighty power of God working among the peoples, our hearts will burn within us, as we shall cry "Here am I, Lord, send me, send me." We look to the future with high hopes and happy hearts.

As we have looked forward, let us not fail to **LOOK UPWARD**. "From whence cometh our help, our help cometh from God." It is because our people are looking upward that we can look forward with such assurance of victory. "They looked unto him and were radiant." May the faces of our Southern Baptist hosts this year shine with the radiance that comes only from the upward look in the face of God.

FINANCIAL FLASHES

E. P. Buxton, Treasurer

By comparison with recent months the above

REPORT OF TREASURER FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

MAY 1935

Cooperative Program	\$3,291.06
Designated Gifts	4,620.74
Debt Account	774.25
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	6.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	712.06
Total Receipts	\$9,404.11

figures seem rather insignificant, but this is due to the fact that as usual the April figures included practically two months' receipts, leaving only a few scattered returns to be gathered up in May. With the month of June the figures will again become normal, and the financial exhibit from then on should be more imposing.

While there are no outstanding features in the figures for May, it is a matter of encouragement that budget receipts continue to show an increase over the 1934 income. For the month of May itself this increase was in round figures one thousand dollars, while for the five months' period to June first there has been an increase of approximately nine per cent over the corresponding period of 1934. This is exclusive of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, of which the major portion is applied on items included in the current budget.

The debt of the Board as of May 1, 1935 was \$590,500. During the month of May there was paid on this the sum of \$10,500, so that on June 1 the debt stood at \$580,000. It is earnestly hoped that before the end of the present year this amount may be reduced to below half a million dollars. The release of funds through debt reduction that were formerly absorbed in interest charges, and now made available for the work of the Board, is one of the most heartening things in recent years, and should prove a challenge to the friends of foreign missions to match their interest with their gifts.

FOREIGN MISSION GLIMPSES AT MEMPHIS

Forty-six missionaries representing Japan, China, South America, Africa, Mexico, and Palestine, were present for Foreign Mission night of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Thursday night, May 16.

In his annual foreign mission report, Dr. Charles E. Maddry states: "It should be said to the everlasting credit of Woman's Missionary Union that the Christmas Offering for 1933 in a very definite way stopped the disastrous seven years' retreat in our foreign mission work. It was given to the devoted women in our churches not only to check this retreat, but to make the first triumphant advance following the terrible lean years from 1926-1933.

"The objective of the Woman's Missionary Union for the Christmas Offering for 1933 was \$135,000. Up to April 15 we had received a total of \$173,000.

"The objective of Woman's Missionary Union for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1934 was \$150,000. Up to April 15 we had received a total of \$213,576.33. Out of this amount the sum of \$122,463.00 was set aside for

the salaries, rent, children's allowances, and travel expenses of 113 missionaries."

"Two years ago we inaugurated Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest. This week has been made possible through the generous cooperation and financial assistance of the Sunday School Board and the efficient and considerate management of Dr. R. F. Staples," said Mr. R. S. Jones who presided over Foreign Mission night of the Convention.

"These days at Ridgecrest are given over to informational and inspirational studies and addresses, and it has already become one of the most popular gatherings among Southern Baptists. Plans are now being perfected for the observance of this special week, August 11-18. The Ridgecrest management will offer attractive rates in hotel and cottages."

Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon who has just returned from visiting the Oriental mission fields with Dr. Maddry, brought the major message of foreign mission session of the Memphis Convention. He sounded the echoes of progress and victory for God wherever Southern Baptists have set up their banners in the Orient.

"Southern Baptists have touched four continents with the gospel since they sent forth W. B. Bagby fifty-five years ago to Brazil," declared Missionary W. C. Taylor on foreign mission night of the convention. "Brazilian Christians went back to tell their native Portugal about salvation through Christ; and these believers of Portugal have gone to Africa, and to the Portuguese in the New England States and California of North America. Thus the message goes on around the world when once it is told."

"I was appointed as a missionary to Brazil twenty-one years ago by Dr. Willingham at Nashville, Tennessee," said Missionary "Red" White in reviewing the story of his years of missionary service.

Missionary W. H. Carson of Africa gave four reasons why he is glad he went to Africa to tell the story of Christ: the visible results of Christian education in Africa; the consecration and faithfulness of the African Christians whom we know; the growth of evangelism and the urgency of the call.

"In Africa the people are coming to Christ so fast that we can't even examine them fast enough to baptize them much less train them for consistent Christian living," said Missionary Carson in his plea for more missionaries for Africa.

Missionary J. B. Hipps, dean of Shanghai University, reviewed the story of service of this great Baptist institution in China on foreign mission night and stated that the four-fold purpose is to produce intelligent Christians, to train for Christian service, to prepare for all walks of life, to help in the solution of the pregnant problems of life in China today.

Dr. Everett Gill, superintendent of Baptist work in Europe, reminded the convention on foreign mission night that Europe is the old home of the human race and that Southern Baptist work in Europe is really home missions, precious and challenging to Southern Baptists because of the location of Europe on the map of our minds.

Editorials

GIFT OF THE SPIRIT AND GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Both of these expressions are scriptural. In the Acts of the Apostles, second chapter, Peter says, "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," 2:38. See also 8:20 and 10:45, and 11:7. See also 1 Tim. 4:14 and 2 Tim. 1:6. Jesus also said that the Father would give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him. Peter also says of the Holy Spirit, "Whom God hath given to them that obey Him." Here the Spirit is spoken of as given to men, a gift from God.

Jesus also told the disciples to "wait for the promise of the Father, which ye heard from me." They waited according to His command, and received the gift of the Spirit according to His promise. The coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of pentecost vindicated the claims of Jesus, justified the faith of the disciples in him and qualified them for his service. There can be no effective service to God except by the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are utterly without strength and incapable of accomplishing any of the work of Christ except by reason of the Spirit's presence, and His working in us. Nay we cannot live the Christian life except as we are energized by the Spirit of God.

Some one may ask, Has not the Spirit been given now to all? Therefore why should we ask for the Spirit of God? The Bible makes it plain that the gift of the Spirit is intended for all, and that potentially he is the possession of all. Every Christian is born of the Spirit, and the Book tells us if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His.

! We who live in this blessed Christian era can claim the Spirit of God as our rightful heritage, and have the assurance that He will be with us always. That is the gift of the Spirit is for every Christian, and it is our privilege to have Him with us and in us without interruption or cessation to the end. Jesus promised that he would abide with us. And Peter interpreted the prophecy of Joel for us and showed that it is fulfilled by the gift of the Spirit to every one of God's children without exception.

Here is a man who advertises a house for sale. He tells you that it is equipped with every possible necessity and convenience. It has water supplied in bath rooms and kitchen; it has been wired and is supplied with electric current for all purposes; it has natural gas for heating, cooking or anything else you need. It is thoroughly equipped. But suppose a man moves in who doesn't know what an electric switch is, nor that there are water pipes in the house, nor what to do with the gas. There were members of the church at Ephesus who did not know the Holy Spirit was given, or possibly in existence. Or suppose he cares nothing about these conveniences, or for any other reason makes no use of them when he moves into the house. It is altogether possible to "neglect the gift that is in you." Timothy needed Paul's exhortation to "stir up the gift that was in him."

There are people to whom the gift of the Spirit is of little value, because they make so little use of this gracious gift of God. They may even grieve the Spirit or quench the Spirit. Many of us live far below our privileges as the children of God. It is possible for a man to live in a house well equipped with bath rooms and be careless about taking a bath.

But what of the "gifts of the Spirit." By this is meant the gifts which the Holy Spirit himself imparts to us. In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians he has a good deal to say about these gifts. He says there is one Spirit, but "diversities of gifts," 12:4. Now these gifts are bestowed according to the sovereign will of the Spirit. He is God and "divides to each one severally as He will." Jesus tells us something

of this exercise of sovereign will by the Spirit, when he says to Nicodemus, "The wind bloweth where it pleases, so is everyone that is born of the Spirit."

Some of these gifts of the Spirit are enumerated in I Cor. 12:8-10. Included in the list are "wisdom," "knowledge," "faith," "healing," "miracles," "prophecy," "discerning of spirits," "tongues," and "interpretation of tongues." The Lord has need of, and his people have need of, and the world needs various manifestations of the power of God in the churches. God is infinitely resourceful and can and does provide amply for every sort of need by "manifold powers and gifts of the Holy Spirit according to his own will," Heb. 2:4.

The Holy Spirit is the power within us that produces results. Paul in Galatians 5:22 speaks of many "fruits of the Spirit"; "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control." The same electric current in your house will cook your food, light the rooms, freeze your cream, operate a fan, turn a washing machine, ring the bell, etc. Even so the Holy Spirit is the spirit of wisdom, of holiness, of power, of gentleness, of boldness, of peace, etc., etc. It is he who works in us to will and to do of his good pleasure.

What is the need in your own life? He will supply it. What is the need of the world in which you live? He will enable you to supply it. Our God will supply all our needs. We can do all things in Him who strengthens us. We do not need to ask that the Holy Spirit be sent down from heaven. But we do need to ask Him to enable us for each task and for whatever service may be needed at our hands.

SALEM'S CENTENNIAL

Salem is a favorite name for Baptist churches. This one is in Oktibbeha County, and was one hundred years old on the twelfth of June. Exactly on this date of organization the celebration was held. What a glorious opportunity to have been privileged to hold up the light to a darkened world for one hundred years. The church is not strong in numbers today, but has sent out men and women to be a blessing to many places.

This church has the record of its work for all the years of its existence. The record of the organization in 1835 is intact. The names of the church members are there, the presbytery, the articles of faith and rules of order. The list of pastors includes some of the noblest names among Mississippi Baptists, and the church register has names of people that have helped to build the kingdom of God.

This was the first church in the association to subscribe its quota to the \$75,000,000 campaign. It was over-subscribed and over-paid. The pledge was for \$4,432.00 and the amount paid \$4,617.00. Dr. B. M. Walker for fifty years a professor in Mississippi State College gave a history of the church, which will be given to our readers according to his promise. His father was a deacon in this church for sixty years. There were many present from other churches in the county, and many came from a distance who were formerly connected with this church. A telegram was read by Dr. Walker from Mrs. Adele Wakefield Wellborn now in Kansas City, but a member of this church more than a half a century ago.

The people were all happy and grateful to God. A good part of the service was given to praise and thanksgiving and personal testimony. Tender memories were in many minds and the glow of gratitude on many faces. Young and old rejoiced together.

Dr. J. D. Ray is the Starkville pastor and ministers to these people. He presided throughout the "all day meeting." The music was in charge of Mrs. Allen Keen. Mr. Wellborn Page sang as a solo a song written by Dr. Walker and the music composed by Mrs. Walker, "In the Master's Vineyard."

Dr. R. B. Gunter gave the morning address on "One Hundred Years of Missionary Progress." It was an inspiring review which we hope to give our readers in this issue of the Record, for it will apply everywhere as well as at Salem.

The dinner was as good and abundant as we have ever seen served at an "all day meeting." And don't you know this feeble servant had a time of it keeping those folks awake while he spoke to them in the afternoon on "One Hundred Years of Baptist Literature." We didn't see but one man asleep, but some may have escaped our observation.

There were a number of visiting pastors as well as other people. We noticed Rev. J. D. Franks, Rev. W. L. Marsh, Rev. C. Cox, Rev. R. M. Lewis, Rev. Emmett Carpenter. Brother A. L. Goodrich put in some good words and work for the Record. Deacon D. L. Brown of Kosciusko joined us and added much to the pleasure of the trip. And here we are back at work the next morning after a round trip of 326 miles in a car and a full day at the centennial.

THE BAPTIST PAPER AND DEMOCRACY

Democracy is the condition where authority is vested finally in the people. There is a great deal that goes by the name of democracy that is a very poor substitute or imitation. Ideally a Baptist church is a pure democracy, and it is pretty nearly the only thing on earth that is such. Some of us have been made to tremble of late years because democracy seems to be passing from the earth. The cry of Lincoln's heart in his speech at Gettysburg was "that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." This brief sentence might well be inscribed on the doors of Congress and in all our legislative halls. And there would be nothing wrong in putting it in some conspicuous place around a few Baptist churches.

Most denominations make no pretense of adhering to the principles of democracy. Episcopacy and the presbyterial form of government eschew all profession of adherence to this principle. And some of our Baptist churches show a visible tremor when some unsanctified non-official threatens to make a suggestion about what ought to be done. There are many of our churches in which there is a close corporation of a few in the inner circle who determine every plan and policy, and nothing is ever brought before the church except by their permission or by their suggestion. No opportunity is given for the consideration of anything except such as is presented by this inner group. And if any objection were raised it would be like a small earthquake.

A Baptist church is the last hope of democracy, and if it perishes here it will be like Noah's dove, with no place to rest its feet or wings. A democracy is not easy to maintain, and it will not and cannot function efficiently except under certain necessary conditions. It is to note these conditions that we are now writing.

It may be said plainly that many people do not believe in democracy. They may shout the word to deceive the people but they are not in their hearts loyal to the principle of democracy. In church and state there are those who refuse to believe that democracy can function effectively.

It had as well be admitted that without certain conditions it is an impractical form of government. These conditions briefly stated are a stable moral character in the constituents, a good degree of intelligence, and unity of spirit. In speaking of a body of Christians we would write Spirit with a capital letter. These qualities make a great people and a great nation. And people with these qualities will not remain satisfied with anything less than the largest amount of liberty.

Ignorant and immoral people are slaves already, and they cannot be anything else. On the other hand people of high moral character

and intelligence cannot be held in subjection. It may be said just in passing that negroes and white people both need to get this truth in mind. Jesus laid the foundation of freedom for the individual and for the masses when he said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Here is the place to begin.

Let it be said again that the three necessities to the maintenance of democracy are moral character, intelligence and unity of ideals, or spirit. And this brings us back to the heading of this article, The Baptist Paper and Democracy. There are other factors in producing moral character. There are other agencies for increasing intelligence. But in the field of producing unity of purpose the denominational paper has no rival.

The business of a Baptist paper is to raise the standard of Christian character and conduct among our people. In this it supplements all the preaching and teaching in our churches. Its mission also is to spread intelligence; that is to quicken the thinking of our people, to direct their minds into Christian channels and to keep them informed as to the work of the kingdom of God in the world. In this last not much help comes from other sources. But in the matter of unifying the ideals, beliefs and efforts of the people in service, it has the field almost to itself. Conventions and boards through which our people cooperate are helpless without a voice like this. Few would know when a convention would meet. And few would know what it did when it met, or what it wants done after it is over.

No Christian can grow to greatness by himself. We must apprehend with all saints what is the length and breadth, etc. No Baptist church can come to the consciousness of its powers or function in full measure without the fellowship which is made possible by the Baptist paper. Because we are a democracy we are dependent on that which unifies us in a common purpose and task.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

(Continued from page 8)

to gather up the children for meetings, etc. He plays the baby organ for the open air meetings, and can accompany the hymns nicely on the violin for preaching services.

Circumstances mark each day different, yet most of my mornings are given to the typewriter, afternoons for visiting and evenings in general for church work such as regular meetings or study courses. Happy moments are snatched between to be with my little man and help him with his English a bit.

The work most enjoyed in the church is with the children. We have a Vacation School every year, Sunbeam meeting weekly, children's meetings in the home every week and our Sunday school department separate. What adorable little ones are found here with a dozen races mixed to give great variety in type and color. They do shine at festas for Brazilians have Latin ability in the dramatic line. Our next festa is Children's Day held all over Brazil. An offering is given at this time for missions.

Our work is far from easy in a center so filled with convents. We beg of you one thing only—to be remembered daily in earnest prayer for our work and for deeper consecration of life. How sincerely I do thank you for interest in His cause here! It is an ever-growing source of joy and gratitude to feel that our friends care. Though time forbids my writing our appreciation, we do not forget.

With affectionate regards and deep appreciation,

Yours in His name,

Rosalee Mills Appleby,

I am sure I can trust our friends to understand if I explain that packages sent us cost more duty than their worth with the exception of printed matter or postcards that have been

LET'S GO

By A. L. Goodrich, Circulation Manager

THANK YOU

The following have sent us two or more subscriptions for which we wish to express our thanks:

Rev. W. D. Wallace, Ackerman; Mrs. W. P. Chambers, Lena; Rev. Madison Flowers, Sumner; Mrs. J. E. Scroggins, Ellisville; Mrs. Alice Scally, Walnut; Rev. A. L. O'Bryant, Hattiesburg; Rev. W. R. Storie, Duck Hill; Rev. W. A. Green, Waynesboro; Mrs. R. L. Kirby, Money.

GOING PLACES

Salem-Starkville—

On Wednesday, June 12, Salem church, Oktibeha County, was 100 years old. But the way the people came and the way they had prepared for their birthday, you would suspect that they were quite young. At least, they were much more spry than 100 years would indicate. Dr. J. D. Ray is the beloved and honored pastor. Many say that the day of the country church is past, but here is a country church that could overflow a commodious building on a hot summer day when farmers are in the midst of their busiest season.

And what a dinner those good folk did spread. All efforts at reducing were postponed until a later date.

The two addresses by Dr. Gunter and Dr. Lipsey were the best on their line and from these two honored brethren that the writer has ever heard. Other addresses by local brethren were most excellent, but they will be reported in another column.

The Record representative was given a good place on the program and as usual, when given the opportunity, many there became subscribers for THEIR OWN Baptist paper.

Quitman—

After riding practically all day to and from Starkville and most of the night and a part of the morning, we found ourselves in that delightful little city called Quitman. Bishop W. L. Meadows with an able and efficient corps of the good W. M. U. women had left no detail unattended to to take care of the every want and need of the host of visitors to the District W. M. U. meeting. We had not been in town ten minutes before we were hearing of the love and appreciation of the good Quitman pastor.

As always, the good women heard the call of their OWN Baptist paper and many were the promises from representatives of various churches that they would see that every member back home was personally urged to take THEIR OWN Baptist paper.

Macedonia, Union County—

Sunday morning found us at New Albany where Pastor Kirkland arranged for our mutual friend, Paul Owen, to pilot us to one of the smoothest working country churches we have seen. For some weeks, the pastor, Rev. C. S. Wales has been sick, but his able assistants, Mrs. C. S. Wales and daughter, Geraldine, are carrying on in a noble way. A well organized Sunday school, a host of young people, over a hundred in B. Y. P. U. and large preaching congregations are some of the things that quickly arrest the attention of the visitor.

A country church with a well built and well planned parsonage is a rarity in Mississippi, but Macedonia under the leadership of that prince of fellows, D. H. Hall, Jr., caught such a vision months ago and the vision is now a used. The latter comes through when in large envelopes sent like magazines.

Address: Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby, Joao Caetano 104, Petropolis, South Brazil, S. A.

Postage: 3c for first ounce or fraction thereof; 3c for each additional ounce or fraction.

reality. Their goal is full-time preaching, with the store-house plan as the principal means of support. They are making rapid progress in this direction. For the inspiration of others, brother Hall has promised to give us this fascinating story a little later when it has come nearer to complete attainment.

An Appeal

The Baptists of Mississippi need to read the Baptist Record. It will help them in their own Christian life. It will help them in their church life. It will make them more ardent supporters of the things for which the Baptist church stands. It will increase their interest in denominational objects. It will mean increased interest and giving. It will make the task of the pastor an easier one. (Many pastors have written that these results have followed the increased circulation of the Record in their churches.)

The How

Many people, maybe not all of them, will subscribe for the Record if urged (PERSONALLY—ONE BY ONE) to do so. We are appealing to every Mississippi pastor to do this very thing. However, if you feel that you are too busy or for any reason cannot see your people, won't you appoint a good strong committee and place in their hands the names of the families in your church, asking them to personally solicit every one for a subscription to the Baptist Record. You'll be surprised at the fine response you'll get. However, the pastor himself can secure more than any committee. But let's all try one or the other plan. We thank you for your own sakes.

Correction and Apology

At the recent W. M. U. Convention in Jackson, we announced that Madison County with 57% of its Baptist Record quota was first in District 1. An error, since discovered shows Holmes County to be first with 68% and Madison second. Our records show subscriptions in the two counties as follows: Holmes County—Pickens 2, Goodman 6, Durant 15, Lexington 32, West 31, Cruger 1, Ebenezer 1. The county goal is 130. Madison County—Camden 1, Flora 5, Madison Station 25, Ridgeland 3, Sharon 1, Canton 22. The county goal is 100.—A. L. Goodrich.

Pastor W. A. Bell of Ruleville sends in a list of subscribers to the Record which includes every family in the church, to be paid monthly. It can be done.

Eugene N. Patterson is assistant to his father in the pastorate at Pascagoula, having recently graduated from Howard College in Alabama. He will enter the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans in September.

Draughon's School of Commerce is running an ad in this week's Record. Prof. A. S. McLendon who is the head of this school is a man of ability, culture and Christian character and well-known to many of our Baptist people of Mississippi. His school of commerce is located on the third floor of the Baptist building and we are glad to recommend this school to anyone contemplating a business education. Anyone interested should write any of the state workers or any of the pastors in Jackson, as this school and its leader are favorably known to all of them.

Mr. H. Z. Duke had not succeeded well in business until he moved to Bowie, Texas. He opened a very small store there with \$700.00 capital. In a few months he agreed with his pastor to pay into the Lord's treasury a tenth of all that he made. He and this writer were intimate friends as long as he lived. The little business grew into a chain of stores in Texas and Oklahoma. After years of experience with tithing he said that it had been worth all he had given, because it made him constantly keep up with his business. He knew every month precisely how the business was going and could govern himself accordingly.—Baptist Standard.

ON THE FRONTIERS OF MISSIONS WITH THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Dr. E. F. Haight, New Orleans, La.

The Baptist Bible Institute represents Southern Baptists settling on new frontiers. Indeed, we regard this as our most important task, settling Christ on the frontiers. Frontiers are the unsettled sections of individual life in which Christ has not settled, and those vast areas of society which are still not Christian, and those vaster territories of human life represented by the "lost world."

The Baptist Bible Institute is seeking to settle Christ more completely in the lives of her students. There is ignorance to be settled with the truth as it is in Christ. We are seeking to accomplish this by a thoroughly comprehensive, theological, Biblical, and practical course of study presented by an up-to-date method of instruction. In our instruction we minimize teaching by mere text book rote and stress learning by stimulating individual effort and individual apprehension and assimilation of truth. We seek, not to conform the student to a traditional standard of theological lore but to so settle Christ in his life that Christ is constantly transforming him and making him an agency for the Christian transformation of society.

In a word, we regard as our frontier in the lives of our students the distance between what they are and what they can and ought to be. In this distance, sometimes very wide, there are wrong attitudes to replace with wholesome ones, inexperience to replace with experience, dogmatic ignorance to replace with conviction of the truth, half-truths to be worked out, imperfect and mistaken ideas of the Bible to be replaced by a comprehensive and accurate Biblical scholarship. Thus through class room instruction and supervised practical activities we are settling Christ on the spiritual frontiers in the lives of our students.

There are vast frontiers in the communities where we live on which also we are seeking to settle Christ. All that is unChristian about our social order—the injustice, prudery, shallowness, obsolete taboos, superstition, hypocrisy—this is our frontier. We would so train and inspire our students that they will become open highways for Christ to these frontiers, on which He is seeking to settle. We earnestly endeavor to guide our students toward becoming at once winners of souls, pastors who will lead their churches in Christianizing the daily lives of the Christians, and Christian individuals who will become centers of influence and activities for making Christian the community where they live. We would that our students become frontiersmen to settle with Christ on the vast areas of a barren but fertile frontier. This project, too, is in mind as we instruct in the classroom and direct the practical activities of our students.

It is heartening and gratifying to know that there are communities, in which our alumni live, which have shown the transforming power of the presence of Christ in their total life. In such communities the lost are being won, the daily lives of the Christians are becoming really Christian, and the whole social order is being elevated Christ-ward. This, to be sure, an ideal, but in this direction our curriculum is planned, our instruction given, our whole Institute life directed.

There is, however, a still vaster frontier for which we have prayed and planned and toward which we are pressing on. This is the lost world of mankind. The Institute was conceived and founded under the challenge of this frontier. Thereby it has grown. It can continue to thrive by no other. We have sought to arouse in every student an awareness of this world frontier. We would that every student feel deeply that every distressed heart is his frontier, every life limited by a sinful and shallow environment is his frontier, every lost soul is his frontier, and that this frontier extends out and out to include the

whole world of mankind and the total life of mankind. This, we believe, was the attitude of Jesus. We are seeking, therefore, to give to our students a consciousness of these frontiers and to equip them and inspire them to pioneer with Christ on the world's frontier. This is one interpretation of the mission, the spirit, and the accomplishment of the Baptist Bible Institute.

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A LETTER TO S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS

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Some people say, "Baptists simply will not cooperate generally in a definite task." We asked the Baptist State Convention, assembled at Laurel last November, to cooperate with the Ministerial Board at some fixed time during this year in an appeal to the Sunday schools of the state for an offering to aid ministerial students in Mississippi College. The Convention agreed to cooperate and authorized this appeal. The State Mission Board also agreed to cooperate with us in permitting the regular annual June offering to Christian Education to be designated for ministerial aid in Mississippi College.

You have been advised by Dr. Gunter of the purpose of these bodies to aid us in this appeal. NOW WILL THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS CO-OPERATE WITH US IN THIS TASK? We are confident they will, if you will explain the need and give them the opportunity to contribute. May we count on you to aid us in this task? Take your offering by July 1 and send as a designated contribution to Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson, Miss.

The Ministerial Board owns four cottages on the Mississippi College campus; the college owns five. Dr. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, has offered our Board all their cottages as a gift, if we will move them from the campus. Our Board contemplates the purchase of other lots adjacent to the campus and erection of memorial cottages on same. Our old cottages, some of them now dilapidated, are to be torn down and the materials used in the construction of new ones. This plan if carried out as contemplated, will meet adequately the growing need for housing comfortably our students for the ministry in Mississippi College.

We are asking your Sunday school for an offering averaging ten cents per member not later than July 1. Your offering will materially aid us in laying the foundation for better housing our students for the ministry. An indebtedness of approximately \$3,400.00 will be met out of these offerings first. The remainder will be used for carrying out our plan for enlargement as explained above.

Yours cordially,

M. P. L. Berry,

President Ministerial Board

M. O. Patterson,

Secretary.

P. S.—All of our cottages for married students have been taken for next session. We must either rent or build houses, or turn down those anxious to come Mississippi College.

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"TIME TO AWAKE"

By R. C. Blailock

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The New Testament is full of urgent exhortations to high and holy Christian living, and some of them become the more urgent as time passes. Such is that in Romans 13:11-14. "And this, knowing the season," says the apostle, "that already it is time to awake out of sleep: for now is salvation nearer to us than when we first believed." Our attention is called to the "season" that is upon us, not the season of the year, but the season of Gospel time that is hastening on toward the end-time. "The night is far spent, and the day is at hand." The apostle was thinking of the long night of spiritual darkness which had its beginning in the Garden of Eden when the prince of darkness led man into sin. It had prevailed for four thousand years when Paul wrote these words. But in the light of the Gospel of Christ, he speaks of a time yet to be when

the present long night shall give place to a glorious day. So he calls to us in these challenging verses, to awake out of sleep and put on the garments of light, and to conduct ourselves as those who are expecting a new day to burst upon us. "For now," says he, "is salvation nearer to us than when we first believed." What salvation? Not that of justification which took place once and for all so soon as we believed; nor that of sanctification which is a present process "from faith unto faith": but the redemption of our bodies and our glorification with Christ—"a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

And when is the night to end and the day to come? When the Lord comes a second time. Then believers shall be transformed into His likeness and enter into His glory. We are reminded of the exhortation of Peter: "Gird up the loins of your minds, and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ." And what is "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" but His second advent? And what is "the grace that is (then) to be brought unto us" but a full and final salvation? It is as if Peter had said, "Set your hope perfectly on the salvation that is to be brought unto you at the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

And now this: "The day is at hand." An event that is liable to occur any moment is to be considered "at hand" always. We dare not think of it as far off in the future when it may be today or tomorrow, and is sure to be when the world is least expecting it. And if it was "nearer" in Paul's day, how much nearer must it be now.

So this exhortation to "awake out of sleep" gathers force as time passes. That coming day is nearer to us than it was to Paul and his generation, by two thousand years. If then the exhortation was appropriate to arouse the saints of those early days, from the sleep of idleness and indifference and worldliness, how much more should we be aroused by it.

Lawrenceville, Ill.

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STATE MISSION GROWTH IN MISSISSIPPI

By Dr. R. B. Gunter

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I. Origin of Churches

Mission work began in Mississippi near the mouth of Cole's Creek, Adams County, 1791, when Richard Curtis, Jr., of Great Peedee Valley, South Carolina, led in the organization of what was later called Salem Church. The first converts were William Hamberlin and Stephen D'Alvo, a Spaniard. In 1798 the Bayou Pierre Church was organized under the influence of Salem Church.

II. Beginning of District Associations

In 1806 the first district association on Mississippi soil was organized and named Mississippi Baptist Association, and held its first session in Bethel Church September 26 and 27, 1807. By 1813 the number of churches was 18. In 1815 Mississippi Association, in response to an appeal from the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions in New York City gave \$20.00 to foreign mission work. In 1819 Union Association was organized; in 1820 Pearl River.

III. Larger Outlook

June 17, 1817, the Mississippi Society for Missions, foreign and domestic, was organized within the bounds of Mississippi Association for the purpose of promoting missions in all the world, but with emphasis upon the destitute parts of Mississippi territory, and in the State of Louisiana east of the Mississippi River. This meeting also expressed interest in the salvation of the Indians within the State. A constitution was adopted, and members solicited throughout the Mississippi territory and the State of Louisiana east of the Mississippi River. This same year Mississippi Baptists did mission work in the city of New Orleans through James A. Raynolds, representative of the Mississippi Society. After two years in New Orleans, he organized a

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church. He was succeeded by Benjamin Davis who had been appointed by the Society to work among the Negroes of New Orleans. He became pastor of the church which Raynoldson organized. At this time, the New Orleans church was admitted into the Mississippi Association.

IV. First State Convention

In September 1823, Pearl River Association adopted a resolution calling for the framing of a constitution looking to the organization of a State Convention. Union Association commended the action, and the Mississippi Association concurred unanimously, and appointed delegates to meet those from other associations. Consequently, in February 1824 the first State Convention was organized. In the fall of the year the constitution was submitted to the district associations and approved. The Convention proper was actually organized November 1824, and convened annually thereafter in November following the sessions of the district associations. The associations sent up to the State Convention by their messengers all surplus funds in their treasuries to be used by the State Convention for special and general missions. This Convention, however, dissolved October 1829 at Jerusalem Church in Amite County.

V. The Present State Convention Organized

In September 1835, Pearl River Association again took the initiative in advocating a State Convention to be composed of delegates in all the associations in the State. The associations at this time had full-time missionaries. There were ten associations with 107 churches, 92 pastors, 4,865 members as against three associations when the first convention was organized November 1824.

At this juncture a paper was launched for the purpose of crystalizing sentiment in favor of the State Convention.

The Mississippi Association (the mother association) however, took the lead the next year in mobilizing the forces for a State Convention.

The object of the Convention was set forth in a resolution which was passed and is as follows: "A systematic plan for uniting the denomination, drawing out her resources, preaching the Gospel to destitute, disseminating religious information and other objects of importance to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom."

Therefore, the present State Convention was organized December 24, 1836 in Clear Creek Church, Washington, Adams County, Mississippi.

The resolutions adopted in the organization of the Convention expressly stated that the Convention was for "missionary purposes and other objects connected with the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth—particularly in the State of Mississippi."

A Mission Board was chosen following the election of the officers of the Convention, and a General Agent was recommended for the purpose of collecting funds for the different objects contemplated in the constitution. A collection was taken in this first Convention amounting to \$200.00.

Following the Convention, an address was sent forth to ministers and other members of Baptist churches in Mississippi in accordance with the first resolution of the Convention. The address appealed for cooperation in this larger and nobler effort to reach the many sections of the State which were famishing for the Bread of Life.

We find among the needy churches which at this period asked for assistance, the Baptist Church at Natchez. It had been organized in 1834 and was now struggling for existence; also the First Baptist Church at Vicksburg asked for help.

VI. Denominational Paper

The next forward step in the mission enterprise was the launching of the Baptist paper in Mississippi known as "The Southwestern Religious Luminary," the first issue of which came out September 1836. Its founder was Reverend Ashley Vaughn. The paper continued until Feb-

ruary 1838, at which time it was merged with the Mobile Monitor. It was a missionary agency.

VII. Other Missionary Organizations

The General Association of Southeast Mississippi was organized in 1855 for mission work.

In November 1859 the General Association of Baptists in North Mississippi was organized for the purpose of doing mission work in the northern part of the State and apart from the Mississippi Baptist State Convention.

VIII. State Convention Board

In 1873 the Mississippi Baptist Convention in session in Aberdeen created the State Mission Board of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention. The Board was composed of 15 members with headquarters at Hazlehurst. This Board employed a paid Corresponding Secretary, and was authorized to raise funds, employ missionaries and to supply the destitute throughout the State.

Reverend T. J. Walne was the first Secretary. His motto was, "A Baptist Church and a Baptist Sunday school in every city, town, village and neighborhood in the Convention." This included New Orleans and Louisiana east of the Mississippi River, and later the churches of Mobile, Alabama, and immediate vicinity.

One of the first acts of this Board was to employ full-time evangelists. Among them we find R. A. Massey, H. L. Findley, L. E. Hall, W. E. Tynes, E. B. Miller and O. D. Bowen. The state was districted with an evangelist over each, with D. I. Purser as General Evangelist for the State at large. The Negroes were included in the program, among whom mission institutes were conducted. Through these evangelists and others the mission work was extended by the Board along the Gulf Coast beginning in 1873. The Biloxi church, which had been organized in 1846, and lived only a short time, was reorganized by J. B. Hamberlin. It is probable that through his work with the State Board the Home Board began indirectly its mission work in Cuba in 1886.

Mission work was also begun in the Delta about this time, one mile northwest of what is now Lyon. This church is now Lyon church. The missionaries in the Delta were Lewis Ball, W. W. Finley, A. D. Brooks. This was the beginning of the greatest mission campaign in Mississippi up to that time. Many churches were organized.

In 1870 Sunflower Association had been organized. Then Greenville church was organized in 1871, followed by Indianola.

The State Board sent W. C. Friley, W. C. Lattimore and others into the Delta in 1873 to 1877.

IX. W. M. U. Approved

In 1875 the State Convention gave official sanction to the woman's organization with headquarters at Oxford with Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Sr., as first President.

X. Another Paper.

In 1876 the "Mississippi Baptist" was launched with Dr. J. B. Gambrell as editor and M. T. Martin, business manager. This paper was also a missionary periodical.

XI. New Secretaries

In 1883, T. J. Walne having served nine years, resigned as Secretary. He was succeeded by Lewis Ball who served two years. He was succeeded by J. B. Gambrell who served as Secretary in connection with his work as editor of the Mississippi Baptist.

In 1887 his paper and the Southern Baptist Record, an organ of the General Association, were consolidated with J. B. Gambrell as editor. At this time Dr. Gambrell resigned as Secretary of the State Mission Board on account of pressing duties in connection with the paper.

Dr. Gambrell was succeeded as Corresponding Secretary by John T. Christian who served six years. During his administration many houses of worship were built, among them being the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, at a cost of \$30,000.00. The State Board gave \$12,-

000.00, and funds for the building were solicited throughout the State.

In 1893 A. V. Rowe was elected as Corresponding Secretary to succeed Dr. Christian, and served for twenty-one years. During his administration many houses of worship were built, many churches organized and mission contributions increased considerably.

On January 1, 1914, he was succeeded by Dr. J. B. Lawrence who served seven years. His administration was one of enlistment and marvelous financial increase. The Baptist Record, Baptist Book Store and Baptist building were purchased.

One of the great events of Dr. Lawrence's administration was the launching of the Seventy-Five Million Campaign.

The present Secretary began his work January 1, 1921, when the receipts from the Seventy-Five Million Campaign had already begun to decline. We are giving below a table showing the receipts during the administrations of those who have served as Secretary of the State Board:

T. J. Walne — 1874-1883	\$ 60,879.48
Lewis Ball — 1883-1885	25,482.84
J. B. Gambrell — 1885-1887	38,174.99
John T. Christian — 1888-1893	239,051.93
A. V. Rowe — 1893-1913	1,248,828.53
J. B. Lawrence — 1914-1920	1,493,672.64
R. B. Gunter — 1921-1934	5,441,068.53

Following is a table showing the average per year received during the various administrations:

T. J. Walne — 1874-1883	\$ 6,087.95
Lewis Ball — 1883-1885	12,741.42
J. B. Gambrell — 1885-1887	12,724.99
John T. Christian — 1888-1893	47,810.38
A. V. Rowe — 1893-1913	59,442.15
J. B. Lawrence — 1914-1920	213,382.47
R. B. Gunter — 1921-1934	391,504.90

The number of converts during the administration of the present Secretary up through 1934 is 155,644.

The membership the year before Dr. Walne began was 42,965. He began in 1874 and finished with 1883, when the membership was 61,197, or an increase for the nine years of 18,232, or 2,025 average per year.

Lewis Ball's first year, 1884, gives the membership at 61,876, an increase of 679. The next year's increase was not obtained due to failure to find the minutes for 1885.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell from 1885 to 1887 ends with 70,681 members, an increase for practically 3 years of 8,805.

Dr. Christian's term ended with a membership of 83,243 members, or an increase for the 6 years of 12,562.

Dr. Rowe's administration ended in 1913 with a membership for the State of 152,480, or an increase for the 21 years of 69,237.

Dr. Lawrence's 7 year term ended with 1920 with a total membership of 172,966, or an increase for the 7 years of 20,486, or 2,926 per year.

The 14 years of the present administration ended with 242,919, or a net increase of 69,953, or 4,996 per year net gain, or gross of 11,117 per year.

—BR—

Already Rev. J. L. Boyd is preparing a program for the celebration of the centennial of our State Convention in Natchez in 1936. He is chairman of the committee and he has some good ideas which he will make known later.

It is a privilege for any Christian worker to be associated with Dr. O. P. Estes and the great First Baptist Church of Bogalusa, La. During the 10 days of the meetings there was a real revival and there were 75 or more additions to the church. Brother Bobbie Palmer led the singing and was a positive factor in the services. What a joy it is to share in the harvest which comes from faithful sowing such as had evidently been done by Dr. Estes and his good people.—W. W. Hamilton, Baptist Bible Institute, N. O.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

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We have just concluded the most successful series of district meetings in many years. With but few exceptions, the attendance was large and the representation from every section was all we could expect. Districts One, Two, Five, Six, Seven and Eight had representatives from each association. District Four lacked only one and that one had a very large representation at our annual meeting in April.

Each District Chairman had planned well for the day using the Uplifted Banner as the subject and the thought of His banner of love over us, running through each topic discussed. We recognize more and more the faithfulness and dependability of our district officers. We are grateful for them.

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal of our W. M. U. Training School, stirred our hearts with her practical and inspiring message on the work of our Woman's Missionary Union of the South. Our Mississippi women love and appreciate her.

The local women at each place looked after our every comfort, especially at the noon hour. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the love and devotion of our Mississippi women to His cause.

District I Convenes

On June 10, the W. M. U. clans of District I gathered in Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson. The long faithful District Chairman, Mrs. W. G. Mize, presided.

Since the theme of the day was, The Uplifted Banner, all talks hinged around this idea from the devotional by Pastor L. W. Ferrell to the climax of the morning—an address by Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal of W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky.

All district officers brought splendid reports of their efforts to uplift the Lord's banner during the past year.

Rev. A. L. Goodrich gave a stirring talk on the necessity of subscribing to denominational periodicals, if we would lift the banner higher.

A luncheon was daintily and graciously served by the ladies of the hostess church.

The afternoon brought an unusual young people's program, rendered by Miss Ruby Taylor and some young people themselves, under the capable direction of Miss Edwina Robinson, State Young People's Secretary.

Each associational superintendent present was called upon for a three minute talk, following which Rev. A. F. Crittendon gave a helpful message on Uplifting the Banner in Mississippi.

The best treat of the day was hearing Miss Fannie Traylor, State W. M. U. Secretary—with her old time pep and vigor—admonish us to lift our banners higher.

The refusal of Mrs. Mize to again accept the nomination for the office of District Chairman brought sorrow to her host of friends and co-workers, yet all were pleased with the report of the nominating committee which was as follows:

District Chairman, Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City.

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Young People's Column

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(Girls' camps begin at 10 A. M. on the opening date and close at breakfast on the closing date. Girls bring picnic lunch for the opening day).

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Hillman College—July 25-27.

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Moorhead Junior College—Aug. 15-17.

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Find the camp nearest you and attend that one.

"One of our own Mississippi girls—Mrs. Bela Udvarnaki (formerly Gladys Smith of Brookhaven) is rendering a splendid service in Budapest, Hungary. Her deep need is for more books and helps in her work. This excerpt from a letter will better explain it:

There are some books that I just must get some way and others that I'd like so much to have, so I am asking you to help me in securing these. I am sure there are many good people in Mississippi who would be only too glad to help us in this way if they only knew our needs. There is such a need here as I see it for a better understanding and training of our people—young girls and women especially in missions, so if possible, I want to write a little book giving in a very condensed form the story of missions with stories of the lives and achievements of some of our greatest missionaries. "The Story of Missions" by White, "Ann of Ava" and "Mary Slessor of Calabar", "White Queen of Okoyong" and other books of missionary biography will be helpful. Also if you have the chance of getting any kind of Daily Vacation Bible School literature, stories for Sunday school, etc."

If you can donate some one or more helpful books, please send to W. M. U. Dept., Box 530, Jackson, and we will see that she gets them.

greatest recorded crowd—278 registered attendants—was a matter of history.

Mrs. T. W. Talkington,

Crystal Springs, Miss.

Petropolis, Brazil

May 14, 1935

Dear friends in the homeland:

While nature spreads out May-time beauty over all our other America, this one is enjoying the coolest season of the year. In our mountain town the days are cool and crisp brightened by glorious sunshine that makes it ideal near the middle of the day. The purple and golden flowers tell us it is winter though no falling leaves reminds one of this season. The tropics are always green and most days are golden.

Last Sunday was Mother's Day. I was unaccustomed to the white flower on my coat that brought mingled joy and sadness—joy at the ever-increasing richness of the home over there and grief at the thought of returning home without finding mother. The Y. W. A. celebrated the day most worthily, decorating the pulpit with yellow Silevestre Mimosa and dark red dahlias. At the close of a splendid program given by the Sunbeams and young women, carnations were distributed among the women. Such events help to increase that love and respect for womanhood not always shown in countries outside our own.

In tropical countries, seasons are not given the importance they are conceded in the homeland. Holy days and holidays distinguish the seasons in Brazil. It is not fall time but Carnival time for instance. The gayest season of all the year is the National Carnival coming on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday before Lent. Not even Christmas can be compared with the hilarity of this event. The whole world seems turned into a mad house during the three days with confetti throwing, street dancing, masquerades, balls and automobile frolics. The streets are impassable with its mad throngs in costumes or masks. Then Ash Wednesday follows with its penitent throngs going to the churches to have an ash cross put on their foreheads. Lent closes with its so-called Holy Week—seven days of street processions when idols are borne through the streets in a sort of drama to represent events of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and the Resurrection Sunday. These are gruesome affairs with the most devout kneeling in the street as the images are borne past.

The next season is a great favorite with the children and young people—fifteen days' freedom from school to enjoy St. Peter's and St. John's days. This comes the last of June. The poor saints are almost forgotten in the excitement of bonfires, kite flying and the sailing of paper balloons. The sky is a blaze of glory every night lighted by hundreds of balloons borne on the air. It is a common sight to see two or three hundred people on the corner all excited over an immense tissue paper balloon in the shape of man or beast that is being lighted to soar upward.

Our Christians are very earnest and serious, giving little time to frolic or fun, and no time to such affairs as the Carnival. David and I enjoy June for other reasons. A week of it is spent in a revival at the church and a few days at the annual mission meeting. It is a joy indeed to be in fellowship with our missionary friends, bound together as they are by the strongest tie of affection I have ever seen outside the family.

David is half past nine—a busy little fellow I assure you, studying Portuguese and English, helping in the Master's work. We could hardly get along without him to play for the services,

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East Mississippi Department

By R. L. BRELAND

Mrs. J. B. Bassett

June 7, 1935, the beautiful soul of Mrs. Minnie Gully Bassett, of Philadelphia, Miss., went home to be with God. She was the wife of Mr. J. B. Bassett, and a member of the Philadelphia Baptist Church. Her pastor, Rev. D. A. McCall, was in charge of the service which was held at Neshoba, her old home, and the writer was asked to make a short talk as he had known Minnie all her life practically. Also Rev. John R. Breland had part in the services. The writer has lost a good friend. When she was a child she attended school where he taught and was a quiet and studious pupil. A friendship started then that remained unto the end. She was also for some years a member of Neshoba church where I was pastor. She was faithful. As the mother of a number of children she was faithful, loving and true as a wife. She will be missed in the home and in her church. She had been afflicted for many months but was always patient and kind. May the husband, children and other relatives and friends be consoled with the reality that she is at home with God. She left every evidence that she was a Christian woman. She is not dead, just sleeping. One day, when our dear Lord returns for His children, she will awake and all the redeemed will see her again.

Had a large attendance at the associational meeting at Coldwater in Neshoba County, Friday, June 7th. All on the program were present except Dr. N. R. Stone who was unable to be present. "The New Testament Church" was the subject discussed and it was scripturally done. It was a very helpful meeting. The good women of the church and community prepared a splendid feast and all present were abundantly fed. It was agreed not

to hold another meeting until the association this fall.

Rev. L. T. Grantham, of Philadelphia, held a meeting near Wiona recently and he reports a splendid revival. Brother Grantham is evangelistic and filled with the Spirit.

A group of young Baptists from our colleges, led by brother Hugh Brimm, conducted a young people's revival at Philadelphia for a few days preceding the regular revival recently. It was spoken of as a very interesting and helpful meeting. Dr. G. S. Dobbins, of the Louisville, Ky., Seminary, followed in a revival at Philadelphia, beginning Sunday, June 9th. Pastor McCall is getting hold of the work there in a fine way.

The county-wide associational revival for Neshoba County beginning Friday, July 5th, 8:00 P. M., is gaining momentum. It will be held at Longino School three miles north of Philadelphia. All the pastors in the county are assisting in the meeting. Rev. D. A. McCall will do the preaching and brother Bert Parker will lead the singing. They crave your prayers. This is an experiment with these people as this is their first meeting of this nature.

Mr. Chas. D. Lewis, one of Neshoba's fine young men, received his diploma at the close of the recent session of Mississippi College. We wish him a successful life. He is a nephew of the late Rev. Chas. L. Lewis and a namesake; grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Lewis, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Moody S. Lewis of Neshoba.

Recently I noticed the following "Humorette" in one of our daily papers: "The present trend in morals would seem to indicate that in the near future the devil will be added to the list of the unemployed." What I get from this is the idea that the people are getting so vile that no devil will be needed to carry on his work, so he will be among the idle. The world is bad enough all right, but I doubt that the devil ever quits his job. He takes no vacation. He stays on the job day and night. The devil will be with us until the age ends.

S. S. ATTENDANCE JUNE 16, 1935

Jackson, First Church	804
Jackson, Calvary Church	920
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	688
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	379
Jackson, Parkway Church	197
Jackson, Northside Church	87
Meridian, First Church	755
Brookhaven, First Church	526
Hattiesburg, First Church	507
Laurel, First Church	569
Columbus First Church	560
Laurel First Church	
(6-9-35)	522
Laurel, West Laurel Church	458
Laurel, West Laurel Church	
(6-9-35)	466
Laurel, Second Ave. Church	282
(6-9-35)	274
Laurel, Wausau Church	63
Laurel, Wausau Church	
(6-9-35)	50
Mt. Oral Baptist Church	
(Jones Co.)	92
Mt. Oral Baptist Church	
(Jones Co.) (6-9-35)	75

Pine Grove Baptist Church	
(Jones Co.)	140
Pine Grove Baptist Church	
(Jones Co.) (6-9-35)	114
Clarksdale Baptist Church	333
Magee Baptist Church	263
Springfield Baptist Church	
(Scott Co.)	183

B. T. U. ATTENDANCE JUNE 16

Jackson, First Church	132
Jackson, Calvary Church	125
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	185
Jackson, Parkway Church	58
Jackson, Northside Church	41
Brookhaven, First Church	157
Columbus, First Church	118
Clarksdale Baptist Church	100
Laurel, First Church	141
Springfield Baptist Church	
(Scott Co.)	76

FROM JAPAN

More than three decades ago father and mother first came to Japan. They have built churches and Sunday schools; taught Bible classes and individuals; distributed Christian literature and the book of Books; preached and lived their message; won and trained immortal souls! Father has been president of the mission and trustee of our schools. Mother has maintained a Christian home, loved two boys and two girls to Christian manhood and womanhood, and prayed them through college, the graduate schools and seminary. Three of them have homes of their own. You can imagine her mixed emotions today as she leaves in Japan her missionary son, daughter-in-law, and only grandchild, Aileen; and sails to America after seven long years, to see her baby daughter graduate from the university, visit in the homes of her married daughter and eldest son, and meet for the first time their life-partners. Will she know her children after seven years? And remember a missionary mother is no different from any other Christian mother. Imagine too, her mixed emotions in leaving behind for two more hard months of work her missionary husband who cannot get away until July. Can I ask you to imagine how she must feel in leaving this land in which three of her children were born, for her last furlough? Yes, father is rapidly approaching the age of retirement, though he has the health of one who lived his boyhood and developed his physique on a farm in the red clay hills of Mississippi.

To these two heroes of the Cross I owe, among many other things, the fact that I saw the need, heard the call, and tasted the joy of Christian missionary service in Japan. They never asked me to even consider becoming a missionary. Nor were parents ever a motive in my return. But how they welcomed us once we did come of our own conviction. And now as they have to go back to base headquarters, it seems I can hear them call to us as new recruits on the firing-line: To you with prayerful hearts we throw the torch; Be yours to hold it high! If you break faith with us who go

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I seem to hear them repeat the message of that idealistic soldier poet, "Take up your quarrel with the foe!"

Unworthy and still unprepared though we are, we accept the challenge they give in passing on the torch. And this, too, has been our joyous privilege during the eight months we have been on the field studying and serving. We have tried all the while to pass on something to those whom we have touched in Tokyo. We hope we shall have more than thirty years as mother and father have had. But in this land of earthquakes and fires, tidal waves and volcanoes, this land of physical and nervous breakdowns; in this life of uncertainties, we never know when we must leave the task to others.

We have done so little thus far to merit your gifts, prayers, letters (how much they mean to us!) and confidence which have made possible our coming and our "staying." But we have tried to pass on the torch to the few we have been able to touch for you and for the Master. Of these let me mention just four names whom I have mentioned before in my letters and articles.

First, Kim San, our Korean preacher boy whom we took into our home from a cruel life as a newsboy delivering papers 5 hours a day and going to high school the required five hours daily, six days a week, thus making his own way, eating the wretched food and sleep-

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TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by L. D. Posey

For June 23, 1935

Subject: Christian Missions.

Golden Text: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15.

Scripture for study: Acts 1:6-8; 13:1-12. For supplemental study: Jonah 3:1-10; Isaiah 49:1-7.

Introduction

The Golden Text for this lesson, is Mark's way, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, of stating the Great Commission. The full text is found in Matt. 28:19-20.

If New Testament Christians had always been as great sticklers for the "go" part of the Great Commission as they have been for the "baptizing" part of it, the world would doubtless be much more nearly evangelized than it is.

In our pastors' conference of the association in which my pastorate is located, the question has been raised, as to whether or not a non-missionary church is in reality a New Testament church? Without my knowledge or consent, I was assigned to preach on that subject at our last meeting.

Beginning with the first chapter of Acts, any one who reads the New Testament will find much more space given to telling about the "going" of the disciples, than about the "baptizing" by them." In fact Paul said, I Cor. 1:17, "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel." By that statement, Paul is not to be understood to minimizing baptism. But he was exalting preaching the gospel. Since we do not recognize a group of Christians who do not practice immersion, as being a New Testament church, by what law of reasoning, shall we recognize a group who do not practice missions, the "go" of the Great Commission, as a New Testament church? What would your answer be if that question was submitted to you?

The Lesson Studied

The question of "missions," involves God's dealings with His morally responsible creatures through the ages.

The Bible correctly interpreted, plainly teaches that this part of the universe was occupied by intelligent beings, ages before man. But they were created by the hand of God, and not by procreation of their kind as now with man. Lucifer, son of the morning, was unquestionably their chief. With him sin had its origin. See Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19. Other created beings less glorious than Lucifer followed him, in rebellion against God, and in an effort to supplant Him. Their effort ended with a crash to the entire sphere of their domain, and the whole was reduced to chaos, as we find it described in Gen. 1:2. This is substantiated by Isaiah 45:18, where we read, "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens: God himself that formed the earth

and made it: He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited." Trustworthy Hebrew scholars tell us that "tohu" is the word translated "not in vain," and that word means "chaos." Therefore, in effect, in the verse just quoted, we find God declaring that the original creation was not in a chaotic condition. Furthermore, a state of chaos is a state of imperfection. A perfect God could no more create a state of imperfection than imperfect man can produce moral or material perfection.

In the course of ages, God saw fit to reconstruct the earth with her environs, and made it a paradise for His own glory, and the habitation of man. When God created man, He created him in His (God's) image. He made him a perfect being with ability to retain his perfection, and surrounded him by all conditions conducive to the retention of his perfection.

The first command given to man was to "be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth." "Replenish" means, "to fill up again." That of itself would settle the question of the former occupation of the world space by an order of morally intelligent creatures. But it goes a step further, and makes man morally responsible, not only to God, but also to man's posterity. Through temptation by Satan, Eve sinned, then Adam. With their sin came expulsion from the Garden of Eden, and the penalty of instant spiritual death, to be followed later by physical death to themselves and all their posterity. In that way, man's responsibility to his posterity became tragically real. Cain was feeling the effect of it when he asked of God, "Am I my brother's keeper."

With sin's entrance to the heart of man, God's plan was temporarily frustrated. That condition would become permanent, unless a remedy was found, and either angels or men could be redeemed. Sin having had its origin in Lucifer, the highest order of God's created beings, there was no redemption for him. But temptation having come to Eve from without, man might be redeemed. That redemption was achieved through Jesus, and by which all who believe in Him, shall have everlasting life, and make up that limitless company that shall have part in God's plan of the ages. They shall constitute that company that shall be to the praise of God's glory through all eternity.

After Jesus completed His work of redemption, and before He returned to glory, He committed to His followers the human side of the work of redemption, which was and is to preach the gospel to the entire human race, with the assurance that whosoever believes in or trusts Jesus shall have everlasting life. On condition of obedience, to the Great Commission was the promise of Jesus to be with them to the end of the age.

Whether we have ever seen it or not, in the Great Commission is the climax of man's responsibility to his fellow man, as well as to God. Angels do not beget. For that rea-

son they are responsible only to God. Men beget and have posterity; therefore, under God's plan one generation is responsible for the well-being of the next. How horrible for one generation to beget another, then fail to give them the gospel, and from the human side doom them to an eternal hell!!! That is what it means to be anti-or non-missionary. Can that kind of group be a New Testament church, the body of Christ? Your time to answer.

Turning back to the subject of today's lesson, let it be proclaimed from the mountain peaks, the hill-sides, the plains and the valleys that the one supreme mission of the followers of Christ is to carry His message of salvation, the gospel, to the lost of every race and station of the human family. However good other things may be within themselves, there is not anything that can take the place of the gospel for the salvation of the soul. With all that has been done by education and the social gospel throughout the world for the last hundred years, conditions are worse morally, socially and spiritually than since the flood. Had we stayed with God's plan and not substituted ours, and given the gospel to the whole world, the social features would have been a natural result or fruit. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

May God hasten the day when the salvation of the lost shall be the chief concern of New Testament Christians.

DR. TRUETT IN BALTIMORE

The Baptists of Baltimore have experienced a great awakening in ten days meetings at the University Baptist Church, with Dr. Geo. W. Truett, of Dallas, preaching. From the first night of the meetings and on through to May 30, the great auditorium of the church was filled to overflowing with people of many denominations to hear the far-famed preacher and president of the Baptist World Alliance.

To say that Dr. Truett was at his best is to invite the remark that he is always at his best. His engaging personality, his diapason voice, his captivating sincerity and gracious spirit together with his impassioned preaching and clarity of expression, constituted an irresistible attraction in a community not given to evangelical enthusiasm. Baptists gathered from all over the city and even from distant points of Maryland, to hear the noted preacher and Baptist leader. It is estimated that his radio messages over WCAO reached more than a million people each day.

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in the ministry of the man of God who has stood in our midst proclaiming the gospel of Christ in the power and demonstrations of the Spirit. Baptist morale has been toned up all along the line and evangelical Christianity stands on a higher plane as a direct result of these meetings. We are all indebted to Mr. Joshua Levering, our great Baptist layman, who some years ago secured Dr. Truett's promise to come to Baltimore and hold meetings in the University Baptist Church. We thank God and take courage.

Sincerely yours,
J. F. Fraser.

FOR DADDY'S DAY

My Daddy's name was written
Upon no page of fame.
He was no haughty hero
For ages to acclaim.

He was of modest merit
When matched with such as
these.
From him I could inherit
No princely pedigrees.

But he was brave and honest
And knightly to the core,
The cream of all the commons,
And who could ask for more?

His love of God was loyal.
He served his state with zeal.
His home he called his castle,
His court of last appeal.

His wife, his sons, his daughters,
His neighbors, great and small,
Rose up to do him honor
And loved him, one and all.

His bit of earth was better
Because he passed that way.
Thank God for such a Father
On this our Daddies' Day.

—David E. Guyton.

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Nursing Education and Its Relation To Society as a Whole

I believe our ideals should be high; that we should strive to meet them; that we should always be progressive; that we cannot stand still,—we must go forward or backward; and that these remarks, I desire to be constructive; and I hope that they may bear fruit, and make every nurse a better and more efficient one.

To outwit, with success or profit, the law of supply and demand, is as we have sadly learned, a questionable feat of legerdemain rather than an achievement of benefit to human welfare. Wisdom lies rather in learning how to obey the laws so that they shall subserve the good of mankind. Have we not seen and heard of the plowing up of cotton here in the South; the burning of coffee in Brazil, and other methods of destruction of our over-supply, while we have millions on relief who are unable to obtain sufficient food and clothing? In respect to the trained nurses of the profession, an understanding of this truth is necessary to a sane and fruitful consideration of the present problems and future forms of the nursing profession.

It has been stated that we have in the United States an overproduction of nurses, and there has been some considerable written and spoken on the limitation of nurses' schools over the whole country. Considering this to be a fact, the saturation point in nursing has been reached; and super-saturation is approaching.

As clear as the above picture are the evils which it has produced; and increasingly will produce. In any profession an over-supply of its members leads to price cutting; irregular trade or practices; and losses and waste in marginal areas of ability and opportunity. It means a powerful temptation to lower ethical standards induced by desperation.

The legal profession is encumbered by twice as many lawyers as are needed, and it is felt most painfully; on the commonwealth the effects have been disastrous. The nursing profession has not come through the past ordeal unscathed. Overcrowding has produced cutting of the regular rates in some instances. We do not believe you are in the Slough of Despond, because we are convinced that nearly all nurses are true to the ideals of the profession. But we must realize that the areas of shaky ground are becoming larger as the number of nurses increase; and both the people and you are beginning to suffer because of the misfits, the wasted energy and the frustrated ambition.

I understand that there have

been plans on foot to limit the number of trained nurses to the point at which supply and demand are reasonably equalized, as in the field of medicine; with the idea of discriminative selection is socially beneficial; and that the individual is, and ought to be, of secondary consideration.

These plans are not democratic, and are inductive to a sort of exclusive guild; and the American public will not countenance the idea that every boy and girl cannot have the opportunity to enter a profession, if they so desire and are competent. We have always had the ideal that all men are created free and equal. We may endanger this national ideal by making it mediocre.

Objections to the limitation of the nursing profession are certainly not without some foundation in our present state of knowledge. With such bases of selection as may now exist, we cannot be sure that our conclusions are not subversive to the best interests of society because we might exclude very good prospects of nursing, and welcome very ordinary ones.

There is something to be done about it. Certain natural checks are already in force. With rapidly increasing saturation in the nursing field and many not doing anything at all, competition is becoming keener, incomes are declining, rewards for service are diminishing, and the profession is bound to become less alluring to those who enter it, from either economic or vocational motives. To correct misapprehension, to dispel false hopes, to avoid the tragedy of mistakes and failures, — it is our duty to warn the student nurses of today that the possession of a "Registered Nurse" no longer guarantees them a livelihood, and an honorable place in society as you have, and that opportunity is becoming more and more circumscribed, and its numbers limited, so that some of them had better plan their lives otherwise.

I would suggest that the first step in handling this problem, that is and will confront us, is in the elementary schooling, to teach people that the primary purpose of education is to fit youth better to take its place in the social order of things.

The second step then would be in the direction of adjusting the application and distribution of nursing service in order that it may meet more fully the needs of the public. Surely in a preventive way as well as the direct application of nursing service combined with social service.

Is it not a fact that in all walks of life as well as this particular one we are discussing, that it is not only the fundamental of the science itself, but also a taste for history, philosophy, literature and art that will stamp, you as cultured women and in turn put you in a better position to practice the art of nursing as well as the science of the same? Truly an understanding of the social aspects of life is an essential part of any professional

training.

Is it not an age of open competition in which the normal desire of any young person facing economic insecurity, is to prepare for a job; secure a job, and then accumulate something to fall back on in case of economic disaster? Yet do we not see daily these individuals who do not have the touch, the art, but who are well founded in the science of nursing? We see these people as not very successful nurses, groping at anything to make ends meet; whereas we also see another group, not so well grounded in the science, yet have the art, and are highly successful in its practice, and enjoy fruitful rewards from it.

Finally I would suggest higher standards for nursing schools, and the elimination of those schools unable or unwilling to comply. I believe the best educational features should be incorporated in the courses, both in their pre-nursing education as well as in the school itself. I would desire every nurse from our training school to attend a certain amount of lecture work at one of the local colleges; and in the course of her three years training here, would also obtain a degree in nursing. A B.S. degree rather than the usual R.N. The Staff desires the best of things for you all. I urge you to try to harness idealism of purpose to a realistic utilization of existing conditions. To set up worthy social objectives which are not isolated from the only means by which they can be obtained. The human element is the only important element in nursing. The work has to be done with, by, and on people. It cannot be done well except by people who understand one another, and sympathize with one another. Human beings who are balanced personalities, whole minded and health minded. We hope and pray and endeavor to make you this kind of person.

In the coming years you must face some social responsibility for the community in which you live, and in planning society's objective, and developing their facilities. You are to be a large part of your community, and you must plan to take active part in it. Push your profession forward, each one of you. Make it higher and better. Make your nursing degree worth more to you as time goes on. This in turn will aid the Staff of your Hospital to push forward our ideals. We all should strive for Utopia in our every profession; and though we may never reach it, each year we will find ourselves a bit closer, and our standards a bit higher. The Staff wishes for each of you the best things in life. We have enjoyed teaching you what we had available for you. We trust that your mark will go far in the nursing world.

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These two brethren were a great inspiration to our people. Our meeting was short, just one week, but it has been a great week with us. Twenty-one were added to the church and the membership of the church greatly revived and inspired to greater service.

T. M. Fleming, Pastor.

Prison Guard: "Ten prisoners have broken out!"

Warden: "Have you sounded the alarm?"

Guard: "No, I got the doctor. I think it's smallpox."—Ex.



SEASONAL BOOK CHAT

By Dr. John L. Hill

● It is said that great movements, national and international, are stirring right before our eyes. Have you seen them? It is the easy thing, even the lazy thing, to rely upon rumor, to swallow the propaganda of the organization that knows what it is doing and relies upon the ignorance of the general public to make it possible to put over any pet project under surprisingly innocent guise. Isn't it about time "General Public" was asserting his generalship? It will be too late after the Write for Summer Book Biddings and read Dr. Hill's complete article.

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MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

We got home yesterday, the head-of-the-house and I, from a short visit to the coast, where we spent several long, resting days, eating and sleeping and riding. The afternoon we set out on our trip, we got to Magee, 45 miles to the southeast, just before sunset. There we found Julia Frances and her father and mother, and there we spent the night, after enjoying, as someone says, "to the full," a delightful supper, I mean, dinner. The next morning, after breakfast with our children, we got an early start on the rest of the journey, and passing through Mt. Olive and Collins, Seminary, Hattiesburg, came during the morning to McHenry, which has only one reason to be mentioned. I feel sure that when one finally gets through this little village, his opinion is that the purpose of those who built it was to change the direction as many times as possible. We drove north, east, west, south and a whole lot more, and we heaved a sigh of relief when we emerged without collision with man, beast, or car! Before the morning closed, we had reached Gulfport, and turning westward, soon came to Long Beach, where our journey closed. Each day thereafter, we took a long drive, and sometimes two, in the bright sunlight. Once it was to Bay St. Louis, where we crossed the long bridge over St. Louis Bay, and found by the speedometer that it was exactly two miles long. The quaint old town on the western side, built along the curving side of the Bay, is very attractive in its foreign beauty. The town is a Catholic stronghold, having valuable school and church property. We saw many people going to early mass.

Another time, we drove from Biloxi to Pascagoula on the Old Spanish Trail, which sounds much more romantic and interesting than it really is. Our search for the Sheerwater Pottery works was really more exciting, when we followed signs over hill and dale for miles, and finally found the pottery away back at the end of a narrow, twisting road among the trees of a country hill. The bowls and pitchers and plates and jugs and candlesticks and vases were many and varied, but we didn't buy anything but one little pitcher; do you know why? The name Sheerwater, we were told by a friend, comes from a bird, the Sheerwater.

As to puzzles: Nannie Mae's is entirely correct, but a day later than Annie's and Fannie Mae's. These two are exactly alike, and same date, so I am putting one answer in with both their names to it. We also have answers from two new puzzlers this week, Mary Loyette Bass, New Hebron, and Martha Jean Davis, Clinton. They are both correct, and I hope they will come again.

With love,

Mrs. Lipsey.

Nannie Mae's, too, was perfectly correct, but I have to remember that the first one is the one printed, so I'm putting her name here. I know you are all glad she got over the appendicitis operation so well.

Bible Study No. 12: June 20, 1935
Hannah and Samuel: 1 Sam. 1:19-28

Hannah's prayer for a little son was heard and answered. God gave her a little boy, and she named him Samuel, which means, "Asked of God," or "Heard of God." While the baby was little, Elkanah his father wanted to take his family

to the yearly feast at Shiloh, but Hannah wanted to stay at home with baby Samuel until he was larger. She said she would rather not take him with her until she could leave him there with Eli in the temple. Do you remember that while she was praying to God about him, she promised to give him to the Lord, if He gave him to her? She had not forgotten this, and was going to do it. So she kept him for perhaps three years, or a little more, and we can imagine how dearly she grew to love him. But the time came when she knew their parting was near, and that she must give her beloved child to the Lord's work. She and her husband took with them when they set out to Shiloh a sacrifice, nearly a bushel of flour, and a skin of wine. Perhaps there was one animal for each of Samuel's years, or perhaps one was for a burnt offering, one for a sin offering, one for a peace offering. We do not know about this, but we know that this father and mother made a worthy offering when they brought their little son to the Lord in the temple at Shiloh. Hannah had not told Eli the priest, when she told him at her first visit that she was asking the Lord for a son. Now her heart is full of gratitude to God, and when she brings the little boy to Eli, she says plainly that she is the very woman who had, some years before, prayed earnestly there, and this child whom she leads by the hand is what she prayed for that day. God gave her that request, and now she is giving him back to the Lord, to be His devoted servant all his life. Eli accepted this sacrifice of the mother's heart, and for years afterwards, the little boy waited on the old man in the temple. His mother made for him with loving care each year a little robe or coat, and brought it to him when she and his father came to the yearly sacrifice. (1 Sam. 2:19) And so Samuel grew before Jehovah.

Answers to Mrs. Mayo's Puzzle No. 18

1. Daniel, Dan. 6:10.
2. Alabaster, Matt. 26:7.
3. Virtue, 2 Pet. 1:5.
4. Iscariot, Matt. 10:4.
5. Darkness, Ex. 10:21-23.

DAVID.

Fannie Mae Henley
Annie B. Short

Mrs. Mayo's Puzzle No. 19

1. Who divided the river Jordan with his mantle?
2. Who revealed Nebuchadnezzar's dream?
3. Who was the first of the greater prophets?
4. How many bears killed the children for mocking Elisha?
5. What king had his life prolonged fifteen years?

Welsh, La.,
June 12, 1935.

Dear sister in Christ:

Yes, I was so happy and blessed upon receiving your letter of June 3rd. I remain so thankful for your gift of \$7.10, for I most needed it now.

I'm again having a little trouble with my health. Really, I never have gotten well. Sometimes it seems so long, but I feel like it must be the Lord's will. Through it all, the Lord was very kind to me and He has dealt with me mercifully.

May the Lord greatly increase His blessings upon you and the Children's Circle as you continue

in His great work.

Believe me to be

Your co-worker in Christ,
Theo. Cormier.

And may you, dear friend, long continue in the great work you have entered upon. But you must take care of yourself. How I wish we had more money for you!

—o—
Union Church, Miss.,
June 6, 1935.

My Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am sending you my answers to Mrs. Mayo's puzzle No. 18.

Mrs. Lipsey, I attended the B. Y. P. U. Convention at Clinton last Friday, but did not get to meet you. I was sure sorry.

Your friend,

Annie B. Short.

I do wish I had known you were here Annie. I surely would have looked for you. I was there Friday afternoon, when Julia Francis took part in a demonstration on Bible study. So sorry we missed each other.

—o—
New Hebron, Miss.,
June 8, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I have been reading the children's page and I sure do enjoy it.

I am sending the answers to Mrs. Mayo's puzzle No. 18. I hope they are all correct.

With love,

Mary Loyette Bass.

I'm glad you like our page, my dear. Your answers were all right, and you must send some more.

—o—
Silver Creek, Miss.,
June 14, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Am sending two dollars (\$2.00) for the orphans and B. B. I. student. Hope it will help.

Love,

Your friend,

From Silver Creek.

We are certainly glad to get this good money for our two causes, dear Silver Creek Friend. Thank you so much.

—o—
Bay Springs, Miss.,
June 7, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Am sending \$2.00 for May and June. Am sorry I did not get my dollar in to you during May. I am about well now. It is nice to run and play out in the sunshine. I've enjoyed reading all the letters on the children's page. I like to read books and stories in magazines. I got lots of books while I was in bed.

Lovingly,

Mary Ruth.

This is good news you are giving us, Mary Ruth, that you are nearly well from your illness. The sunshine is good medicine for you. Take care of yourself now. Thank you for the money.

A SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

I am thinking of Jesus the good Shepherd and we the sheep of His fold. Of all the pictures of the Saviour of men given us in the Word surely none grips the soul as that of Him with the beloved blood-bought sheep following as He leads out into the green pastures of His love. Knowing Him and known of Him the one in the fold of the life-giving Shepherd has nothing to fear for He will see to his safety. Dr. H. L. Martin, in the meeting in our church last week when we were so gloriously blest, preached on a very thought-provoking subject, "When Christ was Lost." I thought then that to a great extent we the sheep of His flock so often lose Him in the hurry of every-day living. We should pause where we are and see if Jesus is where we are

and if He is not we may do no better thing than lay all else aside and find Him anew in our own lives.

I think also of another shepherd and his flock, this is none other than the pastor and his church. One thing about the great Shepherd is that He finds His sheep, while sometimes I, as a pastor, fear that I have failed to find the sheep of my God-given fold. But probably more often the opposite is true and the church has lost their pastor, not that they are without a pastor, but that to them he is lost; his needs are not seen nor his need of finding them realized. Like the mother of Jesus the churches need to find again the pastor and this will lead to the finding of the greatest of Shepherds.

Where is He? That surrendered life, that God-loving, soul-seeking one who cares more for people than people care for themselves—do you know right where he is? Maybe he is lost in the darkness of a lack of cooperation or underneath a financial load you could help Him bear. Look about you and see where your pastor is, find him and stand by him, that you may be found of him and the Shepherd of all. Help him overcome his faults and to grow in strength in the places where weak. As a pastor of just a few years I have known the joy of being found by one I needed many times just when I could see no way, surely the Master used them to make a way where no way could be seen. Try finding that pastor shepherd of yours and let him be better able to help you in finding Jesus more perfectly in the midst of your life.

The sheep and shepherd should be close together, that was why Mary lost her Boy and left Him in the city, they did not stay close together. One thing that I like about our great Shepherd is that though we lose Him we may always find Him just about where we left Him. Never have men needed a shepherd as now, so why not all of us pastors and those in the folds alike, seek and find Him again that we might be led into the deep waters of the Christian experience that our lives being blessed might bless.

"Looking unto Jesus" should be the motto of our lives and the assurance of our souls should be, "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want," as we go seeking a city to come "Whose builder and maker is God." May we follow on until this life is done and then we shall find Him perfectly in the great sheep-fold of eternal life.

Yours for a closer walk with God,
Henry J. Rushing.

—BR—
"Daddy," said little Angus, "I dreamt last night that you gave me a sixpence."

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An Interview with Associational Director Earl Clark of Rankin County By State Secretary Auber J. Wilds

Q. When and how do you elect your associational officers?

A. Our officers are elected at the last meeting of the year which in the case of Rankin Association is the second Sunday in January. When the meeting is called to order a committee is appointed to nominate officers. At the close of the meeting this committee is called upon to report and the entire association votes on the recommendations of the committee.

Q. When do you hold your associational meetings?

A. We try to follow the outline given by our State Secretary as much as possible, but since some of our churches have preaching on the first afternoon in the month, we felt it best to change the time of our meeting to the second Sunday afternoon so all churches could cooperate. We chose the second Sunday after the close of the quarter instead of the last Sunday in the quarter so that all records could be complete.

Q. Do you have county-wide or group meetings?

A. We find it better to have county-wide meetings rather than group meetings or both. The entire county wants a quarterly meeting and looks forward to the coming together of all the B. Y. P. U.'s. By trying to have the quarterly meeting and also the group meeting the organization is taxed to such an extent that the officers are kept busy planning programs and have no time to see that the plans made in the quarterly meetings are carried out. In some churches the leaders have no easy task in getting their members to attend a meeting of any kind. When they urge attendance to both quarterly and group meetings, the number attending all meetings is small and the leaders become discouraged; whereas, if only one meeting a quarter were to be attended efforts

could be centered on that meeting and a larger attendance would result.

Q. What do you use as a basis for your programs?

We follow as far as possible the programs suggested in the B. T. U. magazine. Since we feel, however, that some of our programs should be based on the needs of the unions of the association, we arrange our programs occasionally on the recommendations of the members of the program committee, who have noted the things that they feel the unions need most. In our first meeting of the year we followed the suggested program entirely with the addition of the Junior and Intermediate sword drill. In our second meeting we used the suggested program only partially, taking up the subject of reports and their importance, and having a three-minute talk on each of the eight points of our record system. It has been suggested that our next meeting be mostly conferences with as many divisions as will be necessary to take care of the attendance and to permit every phase of B. Y. P. U. work desired to be discussed.

Q. Do you have all your churches represented at your meetings?

A. Our records show 40 per cent of our churches attended every meeting last year; 15 per cent of our churches attended all but one meeting, and 35 per cent of our churches attended half of our meetings. Only one church failed to attend any of our meetings. We have also had some churches represented that did not have a training union. At our four meetings last year we had a total attendance of 965 B. T. U. members or an average of 241 at each meeting.

Q. What do you do to encourage attendance at your meetings?

A. We try to arrange a program that will be interesting to every one. We also give a mileage banner to the church having the most mileage to its credit.

Q. Speaking of banners, do you use other banners?

A. Yes. We offer efficiency banners to Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors and sword drill banners to Juniors and Intermediates. The B. A. U. competes with the Seniors for the efficiency banner.

Q. On what basis are the efficiency banners awarded?

A. Our efficiency banners are awarded by means of a report using the Standard of Excellence as a basis. The banner goes to the union making the highest grade. A union making 100 per cent will be a Standard Union.

Q. Do you encourage unions to report quarterly to your State Secretary?

A. One of our associational requirements is that before any union can compete for any banner

they must hand in a quarterly report ready to mail to our State Secretary.

Q. Do you encourage study courses in your association?

A. Yes. We have been unable to have our study courses simultaneously over the county but during the course of the first six months of the year we have a study course in every church having a B. Y. P. U. We have our study course library which helps us to encourage study course work.

Q. Tell us about your study course library.

About a year ago our association decided to try to establish a B. T. U. Study Course Library. Every church was called upon to donate study course books and about 60 books were secured. We have rented these to unions having study courses at 10c each for Seniors and Adults and 5c each for Juniors and Intermediates. With this rent money we have replaced books worn out and torn up and have bought 45 new books, making our library number 105 study course books. Another year will see our library still increasing because we have many more books to rent.

Q. How long have you served as Associational Director?

A. Five years, May 19, 1935.

Q. Do you ever get discouraged and feel like quitting?

A. No, but at the end of the year when I check back over the year's work I become dissatisfied with what the records show that I have accomplished. I then set new goals to try to reach the following year in order that I may accomplish more.

Q. Do you get any help from your group captains?

A. Yes. The program committee as a whole plans two programs; then each group captain is called upon to plan a county-wide program using the material and talent from their own group. This necessitates the group captains to keep in touch with the unions in their group.

Q. Does your association do any extension work?

A. One quarter of the year is set aside for our extension work program. Each church is designated a specific part to do—such as: visiting unions, giving programs, organizing unions, etc.

Q. How do you finance your associational work?

A. By passing collection plates at each meeting.

—BR—
FROM JAPAN

(Continued from page 9)

ing in a "flop-house" but through it all, attending every service at the church, just as he peddled his papers and trudged his way to school through dust, rain or snow. A few weeks after coming to live with us he was baptized and has answered the call to preach. We are paying his tuition and living expenses,

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counting on him to go back to his own people in Korea, where Baptists have no missionary. We really cannot afford to take care of him but we feel that we cannot afford not to enable him to prepare to preach. Kim San has already proved to be real help in our work. He never fails to bring some friends to church. He works in the Tokyo Korean Sunday school. He has built up a double-header Bible class of his schoolmates whom I teach on Tuesday afternoons. Pray for Kim San that it may always be his to hold high the torch for Christ. Why not Kim, the Kagawa of Korea?

Remember Miss Nozawa, Rayberta's lovely teacher, whom she won and who was baptized into the other of our two churches. Now she is teaching the Sunday school class of high school girls. Her parents, at first so hostile, are now allowing her to bring her younger sisters to church every Sunday. And the other day Miss Nozawa told me the girl will soon be ready to be baptized. We have passed on the torch to her too.

Then there is Soeda San, a member of my Bible class who graduated from the seminary last month and became the first home missionary in our Southern Baptist work in Japan! Pray for him in his pioneer work for his own people. May he pass on the torch of Christian salvation and service to many!

Let me mention one more of our friends. Junko San. She came to our home to take care of Baby Aileen and to help Rayberta with all the expensive but effective entertaining for Christ. (We find that the evenings on which we invite some Japanese for supper and the musical, spiritual hour which follows are among our best investments of time, energy and expense.) A pastor's daughter, she was trained in music and kindergarten work. So, when one of our kindergarten teachers was married and left this spring Junko San took her place. We no longer call her by her first name as we did when she was a maid in our home. Now she is "Nakamura (her last name) San." Or better still, Nakamura Sensie (teacher). Today she is passing on the torch of Christian teaching to the dear little children of our Kago Machi Kindergarten. There she is sowing the seed of love for Jesus and of world friendship. Didn't I say that missions is the only war to end war?

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—Hermon S. Ray

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AN EXPERIENCE IN SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN NEW ORLEANS

Student E. R. Pinson,
Springfield, Tenn.

On April 4, 1935, a group of students of the Baptist Bible Institute, composed of Messrs. B. P. Martin, E. E. Hedgepeth, D. L. Goodman, Clyde Meredith, Earle Olive, J. A. Simpson, Cliff Alexander, and E. R. Pinson, left the Baptist Bible Institute campus to go to Jackson Square, which is a public park, to hold religious services. Jackson Square is located on Royal and Orleans Streets about six or seven blocks from Canal Street and directly across from the St. Louis Cathedral, which is one of the oldest cathedrals in the Mississippi valley. It is located in the section of New Orleans known as the Vieux Carre or the old French section of the city.

The students arrived at the park about five o'clock p. m. After setting up their organ, they began singing with Mr. Martin playing the organ. After prayer and the singing of two or three songs, Mr. Alexander delivered a brief message to about seventy-five or one hundred people of several nationalities sitting on the benches in the park. After another song, Mr. Hedgepeth began preaching and during his message the students noticed the Catholic priest as he came out of the cathedral and stood on the steps listening. Soon another man came out. They then came across the street and began to run the children off down the street. The priest seemed very much perplexed as he was pacing up and down the sidewalk.

Very soon the patrol wagon rolled up and one of the policemen came into the park and tried to stop Mr. Hedgepeth from preaching. Mr. Hedgepeth answered him by saying, "Just let me tell them one thing more." Mr. Martin then stepped up to the police and told him that they were a group of ministerial students from B. B. I. and they had a permit to preach the gospel in New Orleans. In the meantime Mr. Hedgepeth was still preaching. By this time three more B. B. I. students had arrived on the scene, who were Messrs. Carl Marsh, J. M. Lane, and W. C. Wyatt. The police asked to see the permit. Mr. Martin informed him that it was a blanket permit signed by the mayor. The police then suggested that they go to the telephone and call police headquarters, which they did. However, Mr. Hedgepeth kept preaching to his audience. Police headquarters was called and the police with Mr. Martin stated to the office that the complaint was concerning some Baptist preachers at Jackson Square and they were not disturbing anyone except the Catholic priest. The police sergeant then came down and looked the situation over and the patrol left. The Lord was taking care of his own.

The service continued. Mr. Hedgepeth was followed by Mr. Hedgepeth, and he was followed by Mr. Olive. While Mr. Olive was preaching the Lord sent more assistance.

As one of the students looked across the park, he saw two men coming toward them and recognized one of the men as Dr. A. S. Newman, president of the Acadia Baptist Academy. One of the students informed him of the situation and told him that they would like for him to preach another sermon to those people sitting there in the park. He replied by saying, "Sing another song and turn me loose." He then read a few verses of Scripture and preached a sermon that most certainly was of the Holy Spirit. The power of God was with him.

It was about dark by this time and the preaching stopped and the students began to do personal work which resulted in three or four more professions of faith. About seven forty-five, the students decided to move on to another place. All of the students went home with the exception of Messrs. Hedgepeth, Martin, Meredith, Wyatt, and Pinson. These five students walked up Royal Street to Canal, and then up Canal to South Rampart, turning westward on South Rampart they went several blocks and came to Poydras Street and decided it would be a good place to hold another service.

As the organ had been carried back to the Institute these students began singing without an instrument. After singing two or three songs Mr. Martin began preaching, and was followed by Mr. Hedgepeth. While Mr. Hedgepeth was preaching a Jew came out of his store which was on the corner where the service was being held, and informed the group that they would have to stop preaching, as the crowd was blocking traffic. The students informed him that they had a permit to preach on the street corners of New Orleans, but he contended it had to be stopped and threatened to call the police if they didn't stop preaching. The students again explained they had a right to preach on the streets and they were going to continue the preaching.

The Jew called the police. When the police arrived Mr. Hedgepeth was through preaching and Mr. Wyatt was leading in prayer. The police walked up and punching Mr. Wyatt in the side several times, told him he would have to stop the services. Mr. Wyatt continued to pray, again the police informed him that it was the police who was speaking to him and that he would have to stop the services. Mr. Wyatt then offered prayer for the police but was forced to stop the service. The students informed the police who they were and told him that they had a blanket permit to preach on the street corners. However, he stated that the meeting would have to stop. With his permission the students then moved out in the middle of Poydras Street and Mr. Meredith delivered another message. When the invitation was given, two or three people professed to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Again the Lord had gained victory over Satan and his word was preached in spite of the

Devil's attempt to interfere. It was estimated that the gospel was preached to about five hundred people which resulted in more than twenty professions of faith.

It was then about ten-thirty and the students started for the Institute weary in body but rejoicing in heart.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK AT RIDGECREST July 21-27 J. N. Barnette

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The Southern Baptist Summer School Conference conducted at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, in 1934 was so successful that the Baptist Sunday School Board feels justified in offering a similar conference for the week of July 21-27, 1935. The inquiries concerning this conference indicate another capacity crowd. From West Texas to Maryland, Sunday school workers have indicated that they are coming to Ridgecrest for a blending of information, inspiration, fellowship, and recreation.

There has been provided a comprehensive and practical program for all classes of Sunday school officers and teachers with the emphasis centered on growth, Bible teaching, and soul-winning.

Dr. W. Hersey Davis, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will lead a Bible study hour each morning. Dr. J. Dean Crain, pastor Pendleton Street Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina, will speak each evening. Rev. Edgar Williamson, pastor First Baptist Church, Paragould, Arkansas, will lead the music.

Dr. John Ingle Riddle, Supervisor of Teacher Training, Alabama College, Montevallo, Alabama, will demonstrate teaching principles and methods in the Young People's and Adult Conferences. Dr. J. M. Price, Director Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will discuss teaching principles and methods in the Intermediate Conference. Dr. Homer L. Grice, of the Sunday School Board, will lead in a similar discussion for the Elementary Group.

Conferences on every phase of Sunday school work will be conducted under the direction of Mr. Arthur Flake, Secretary of the Department of Sunday School Administration, Mr. W. P. Phillips, Sec-

retary of the Department of Young People's and Adult Sunday School Work, Miss Mary Virginia Lee, Secretary of the Intermediate Department, and Miss Mattie C. Leatherwood, Associate Secretary of the Elementary Department, all of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

The rates are in reach of all. Accommodations can be had for as low as a dollar and a half (\$1.50) a day, including room and meals. Hotel accommodations can be had for as low as two dollars (\$2.00) a day, including meals.

The afternoons will be free for recreation and rest. The nights are delightfully cool and refreshing. The surroundings are inspiring and uplifting. The opportunity is offered for fellowship with some of the choicest spirits from seventeen states.

The appeal of the conference is wide. Sunday school field workers, associational officers, pastors, general superintendents, all other general and department officers, class officers, teachers, and other earnest Christian workers will find the best in Sunday school methods and Christian fellowship.

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Professor Boreleigh—If I have talked too long, it's because I haven't my watch with me, and there's no clock in this hall.

Raspberry—There's a calendar behind you.

Billy: "Say, dad, I had a fight yesterday with the boy next door."

Dad: "Yes, his father came to my office to see me about it."

Billy: "I hope you came out as well as I did."—Ex.

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IN MEMORIAM

June 10, 1935

Three months ago, today, the death angel visited our home, and removed from our midst our precious father, Mr. Thomas E. Wilder.

Since that fateful day, our hearts have been so desolate, and the days have seemed so long. We are striving to be submissive to the will of Him who doeth all things well, but it is so hard to give him up. He was such a perfect father, always so considerate of the feelings and rights of his children, and always maintaining an attitude of such complete comradeship towards them.

On March 12, 1932, almost three years from the day that he died, he was bereft of his wife, with whom he had lived happily for more than 55 years. He met this bereavement with that Christian fortitude that had characterized his life, but, apparently, with her passing he lost some of that zest of living that had been one of his predominant traits and, merely marked time, awaiting his own summons to the Great Beyond.

For a number of years he had made his home with me, and oh! such happy years were they! Prior to the passing of our mother, he was so cheerful, so hopeful, and so interested in the fundamental things of life, that it was a source of inspiration, and a benediction, to be closely associated with him.

For several years he was a semi-invalid, on account of serious physical afflictions, but he was so patient, never murmuring, never complaining, and always so appreciative of the good offices of others. It was my happy privilege to personally minister to him, during these years, and I am sure that there was never a more perfect patient.

Early in life, he united with the Baptist Church, and served as deacon, church clerk, and Sunday school superintendent. He was loyal to his church throughout his long life, and met with fidelity every responsibility devolving upon him as a church member.

He was the father of seven sons, and one daughter; and in his earnest life of high ideals, he has left a glorious heritage to them.

In addition to his children, and grandchildren, he leaves one brother, Mr. Joe H. Wilder of Macon, Miss., and a sister, Mrs. J. M. Coombs of Meridian, Miss., to mourn his passing. But we do not mourn as those who have no hope, for we have an abiding faith that he has entered into the joys of the Lord that he served so consistently during his sojourn on this earth.

Mrs. O. A. Wilson.

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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY SUMMER SCHOOL

L. R. Scarborough

We are very greatly gratified at the wonderful attendance we are having for our summer school, an increase of at least 35 per cent over last year and in years for the last several. We have never had a finer group. They are here from everywhere and everybody is happy

and doing a fine piece of scholarly study.

The Seminary force is being organized for a great summer campaign after the summer school is over. We are joining up with the State Mission forces to go afield for lost souls.

The prospects for the enrollment next year are very encouraging. We open the 29th session of the Seminary September 9th. We invite correspondence with students desiring to study, Theology, Missions, Sacred Music, Religious Education or Secretarial Work for the kingdom of God or for local churches.

We are sending Dr. W. W. Barnes of the Chair of History to Central Europe for a season of theological lectures and preaching in several of the seminaries under the direction of Dr. Gill. He goes without any expense to the Seminary or to the Mission Board. Some fine friends of Broadway Baptist Church here are furnishing the funds for this tour. At Dr. Gill's request we are beginning, we hope, a great movement in helping the other seminaries of the South in furnishing visiting lectures to our seminaries in Central Europe.

Pray for us and come to see us.

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OUR HOSPITAL

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The Lord is good to our Hospital. Surely we have cause for gratitude. On April 2nd our superintendent was called to Washington. From that day to this, all the while he was absent, Hospital matters went well with sick and with workers. Each one knew his and her duty, and seemed delighted to prove faithful while the superintendent was away.

On the evening of June 13th—last evening—our Board of Trustees met and after careful and prayerful consideration elected an acting superintendent to fill the office till January 1st, when Mr. Alliston's official time ends. He of course remains as nominal superintendent till that time.

Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, who has been bookkeeper for the past seven years, and assistant superintendent, was elected as acting superintendent for this unexpired term.

This official act on the part of our splendid Board is very pleasing to the working force. Naturally we dreaded a "break" in the middle of the year. In the election of Mrs. Gilfoy we have one who knows the Hospital work in its every detail; indeed she is a stickler for details. It is due to her very close watching "of the corners" as bookkeeper that we have attained the present success. Her interest in the institution calls for her unfailing attention. Her acquaintance with the personnel, supervisors and nurses, orderlies and servants, is thorough. She is fully trusted by black and white, and is consulted as a friend by every one. She is a whole-hearted Baptist by conviction; a deeply consecrated Christian; an efficient business woman of long experience; and she is devoted to the Hospital. Certainly our trustees have chosen well. We thank them.

—M.M.L.

IN ARKANSAS OIL FIELDS

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Rev. C. E. Welch, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Memphis, and the writer, an evangelist for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, have had the privilege the second time in two years of assisting the good church at Norphlet, Ark., Rev. H. A. Turner pastor, in a revival. The first meeting resulted in 109 additions to the church, the second in 90.

Large crowds have attended every service, the house being packed at night until there wasn't another square yard of space available. Brother Turner is a fine, efficient pastor, a big man physically, and a heart larger than his body. He has proved that even in the oil fields, he can get men to church in droves. Men all around here love him, and I believe he knows every man in a radius of 10 miles personally.

I could not speak too highly of the great gospel preaching of Bro. Welch. I have been in evangelistic work for 15 years and I want to say in all of that time I have never heard better spiritual food than brother Welch gives them. He is a fearless, loyal expounder of the Word, spiritual in its interpretation, great in exposition, beautiful in logic, rhetoric and oratory. He preaches to the heads of the people as well as to their hearts and they appreciate him. Beside all of that his self-evident godliness of character commends him to the people as one of God's good men.

We had about 100 children in our work for them, and also 75 'teen' age and up single young people in the special work we had for them. They read many hundreds of chapters in the Word, besides memorizing more passages from it than any group we have ever had before. I appreciated the privilege of being back with this good pastor, brother Welch and this good church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
C. L. Randall.

Rom. 8:28.

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PASS CHRISTIAN

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On a recent Sunday I preached four times. Three sermons were to my own people and one to one of the Negro Baptist churches. I hardly ever preach less than three times on Sunday. In the last month I have baptized two here at Pass Christian and have one waiting for baptism. I have taken part on the program of three school commencements. Over at Bay St. Louis we have just put a new roof on our church house and we are getting ready to paint it and make some other repairs. Then on top of all our only daughter, Martha, graduated at Woman's College. Of course Mrs. Allen and I had to go to the commencement. Now Martha is to be carried in our church the 12th of June. You know what that means. Martha is to be married to Mr.

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I have greatly enjoyed the Record lately. It has been filled full of good things. The report of the convention was better than usual. I almost felt as if I had attended the convention.

With every good wish always.

Very cordially yours,
W. S. Allen.

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DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT WEBB

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This school began May 27th and closed June 7th. We had an enrollment of 88 pupils and 16 teachers and helpers, making a total of 104.

The D. V. B. S. picnic Friday afternoon was greatly enjoyed by pupils and teachers. Some good games and a bountiful lunch.

We reached the climax in the commencement exercises Friday night. The splendid way in which the different departments rendered their part of the evening program revealed very effective work done by both pupils and teachers. We are grateful to all who helped.

Sincerely,
Madison Flowers, pastor.

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NEWTON

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For several years now I have been inactive as a singer in revival meetings, because of ill health. But the Lord has given me back my normal health and I am so anxious for active service again. I just want my preacher friends to know that I am ready for service, and can be reached at Kosciusko.

Gratefully yours,
"Bill" Nason.

—BR—

Tourist in Greenland—It must be pretty tough for you people who are away up here cut off from the rest of the world for nearly the whole year.

Native—'Tain't no worse than it is fer them to be cut off from us, is it?

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF MISSION GROWTH IN THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

By Dr. R. B. Gunter

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I. In 1830 there were in the United States 463,419 Baptists. In 1933 there were 9,500,000. The progress is interesting as seen from the following table:

In 1639, the first Baptist Church in America was organized.

In 1683, there were only 1,125 Baptists in America.

In 1783, there were only 35,101.

In 1800, there were only 100,00.

In 1833, there were 403,429 regular Baptists.

In 1856, there were 1,008,321.

In 1876, there were 2,106,572.

In 1886, there were 3,163,234.

In 1894, there were 4,011,794.

In 1904, there were 5,015,574.

In 1913, there were 6,248,133.

In 1917, there were 7,212,844.

In 1921, there were 8,149,192.

In 1927, there were 9,100,432.

In 1933, there were 9,500,000.

Summarizing this achievement, we note that:

317 years (1639-1856) were required to win the first million.

20 years (1876-1886) for the second million.

10 years (1876-1886) for the third million.

8 years (1886-1894) for the fourth million.

10 years (1894-1904) for the fifth million.

9 years (1904-1913) for the sixth million.

4 years (1913-1917) for the seventh million.

4 years (1917-1921) for the eighth million.

6 years (1921-1927) for the ninth million.

8 years (1927-1935) for the tenth million.

The growth of Baptists in America, however, has been much greater in the South than in the North. In 1833 there were Baptists, both white and black in the South, 235,428, as against 167,991 in the north. In 1933 there were over 7,000,000 Baptists in the South, of all colors, with only 2,500,000 in the North, of all colors. There was one Baptist to every 31 persons in 1833; in 1933 one to every 13 of the population.

Baptists occupy an honorable place among other denominations. In 1833 they ranked third among other denominations. In 1933 they were second among all religious bodies in America.

II. In 1792 a great missionary movement was launched by William Carey. Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice were in this movement.

In 1814 the Triennial Convention of the Baptists of America was organized in Philadelphia for the purpose of supporting the Carey Movement. The seventh session of this convention was held in New York City in 1831 with 124 out of the city delegates in attendance. Dr. Spencer H. Cone of New York City was elected President and Dr. Jesse Mercer of Washington, Ga., was made President of the Board of Managers. \$43,967.00 had been

raised for foreign missions, education and publication work.

This movement had to fight for its existence from 1825 to 1845. The bitterness of the fight reached its intensity in 1833. There were two forces which militated against the movement; on the one hand, the Hardshell Baptists and the Campbellite Movement. The other force was composed of the great majority of the Baptist pastors and preachers who held aloof, not taking sides either way. They were neutral.

The leaders of the missionary enterprise, however, never faltered. They belonged to that class which would not quit. So, out of the Triennial Convention came the two great white conventions and the one great Negro convention. Through these organizations the globe has been girdled with missionary messages.

These divisive movements took from the Baptist ranks 200,000 or more persons, nearly one-half of Baptist forces in 1833. But the Lord gave back to Baptists through this struggle a net gain of 126 per cent from 1825 to 1845. The missionary forces increased from 1825 to 1845 from 156,011 to 352,950.

In 1857 there began a great revival in the North, which was still greater in the Southern armies and camps during the war. Baptists of America saw their numbers increase from 1,172,810 in 1860 to 2,510,209 in 1880, a net gain of 1,337,399, or more than 66,000 a year for the twenty years covered by this great national disaster.

The missionary work among the Negroes during this period is without parallel.

In 1845 there was one Negro Baptist in the South to every 16.7 of the colored population.

In 1860, one to every 12.

In 1880, one to every 6.4.

In 1930, one to every 3.2.

100 years ago Baptists had one great General Convention, 19 State Conventions, 20 schools and colleges, 20 religious weeklies, 324 district associations, 5,947 churches and 403,419 members. Now, the regular Baptists alone in the United States have 95 State Conventions, 3,000 district associations, 57,000 churches, 8,623,842 members, 47,500 Sunday schools, 5,500,000 enrolled in their Sunday schools, 49,000 church houses, 8,500 pastors' homes, church property valued at \$460,000,000, \$78,000,000 contributed for all purposes in 1929. In addition to the regular Baptists there are 15 small miscellaneous groups of Baptists having about 480,000 members.

There are 18 theological schools, 4 religious training schools, 68 colleges and universities, 51 junior colleges, 84 academies and two Indian schools with a total of 5,328 instructors, 84,456 students, of which number 5,845 are ministerial students. The buildings and grounds of these schools are valued at \$122,268,300.00. Their endowment amounts to \$126,624,879.00. The total property and endowment in 1928 was valued at \$248,893,179.00.

Baptists of America now own 37

hospitals, with 4,600 beds and care for annually approximately 91,000 patients. They have in training over 1,500 nurses. They have 94 buildings, which with the grounds are valued at \$17,500,000.00, with approximately \$163,000.00 endowment.

Baptists of America maintain three immense publishing houses, the combined receipts of which amount to more than \$6,000,000.00 annually. They give back to the denomination three-quarters of a million dollars annually for benevolent work.

"O Master of the modern day,
Our hearts are kindled as we know,
Thou walkest still along life's way
As in the ages long ago!
And by the magic of Thy will
New worlds Thou art creating still!

"We thank Thee that the truth
moves on,
With wireless wave and healing
ray;

That yester's noon was but the
dawn
Of brighter glories in our day.
And now by faith, in holy dream
We glimpse tomorrow's grander
gleam!

"Enlarge our minds to grasp Thy
thought
Enlarge our hearts to work Thy
plan,
Assured Thy purpose faileth not,
To put Thy Spirit into man!
God of this new age and hour
Thrill us anew with holy power!"

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BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Mrs. J. B. Black, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, formerly of Jackson, Mississippi, and Miss Sibyl Brame, Associate Southwide Baptist Student Union Secretary, with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, daughter of Dr. Webb Brame of Yazoo City, have been elected President and Vice-President respectively of the Blue Mountain College Alumnae Association which includes more than five thousand alumnae and former students of the college located in forty-five states and foreign countries.

Mrs. Black is stewardship chairman of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She is state chairman of the Daughters of the American Revolution approved schools, chairman of the program committee of the Murfreesboro chapter of the U. D. C., and is active in many other circles.

Other officers elected were Miss Ruby Paulk, Tupelo, secretary; and Mrs. A. M. Donnell, Blue Mountain, treasurer.

—From Blue Mountain College,
Mary Gurney Parker, Secretary.

JUNE PERIODICALS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS offers help on the practical problems of Adult Learning, Meditation, Visitation, Preaching attendance. The Department Superintendent, Class Personalities, Records, Fellowship, Opening Programs, Extension Department, Lesson Discussions, Lee Lines, Teacher Helps, and Ridgecrest Sunday School Conference Program.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDER extends another cordial invitation to the Sunday School Conference in "The Land of the Sky," July 21-27. Articles deal with Evangelism, The Census, New Classes, Sunday School Revival, Christian Education, Weekly Teachers' Meeting and The Lesson and The Program.

THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION MAGAZINE features the theme, "His Church a Lighthouse of Truth." Story Hour Programs are now appearing regularly in this magazine. The regular departments and articles offer suggestions for a full-rounded training program. All of the magazines have been carrying loving tributes to Dr. I. J. Van Ness, retiring Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board. Thank God, he lives among us yet, a man who is willing to let God use every power and energy of his life.

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Minister—I have brought back the second-hand car you sold me last week. I'm afraid it's too obstreperous.

Dealer — What's the matter? Can't you run it?

Minister—Not and stay in the ministry.

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